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Inflation Looms In Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Reuter). Officials of the Bank of Japan moved to check the continued inflationary trend when that institution opened this morning.

The total note issue, which is a new high record, reached Y4,405,000;000 on December 24. In the meantime loans outstanding had reached Y585,000,000.

This demand for loans is attributed to the need for funds to pay dividends and also the lag in government payments.

250 GUNS POUNDING AWAY AT BELEAGURED CITY OF BARDIA

By RICHARD MACMILLAN "United Press" Correspondent

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY BESIEGING BARDIA, DEC. 26 (UP).— HEAVY BRITISH ARTILLERY THROUGHOUT CHRISTMAS DAY HAM-MERED THE BELEAGURED CITY OF BARDIA, AND OCCASIONALLY THERE WERE INFANTRY ENGAGEMENTS IN NO-MAN'S-LAND.

THE BRITISH ATTACKERS HAVE BROUGHT UP HEAVY NAVAL ARTILLERY AND AT LEAST 250 BRITISH GUNS OF ALL CALIBRE ARE MASSED IN A SEMI-CIRCLE AROUND THE PORT, INCLUDING SOME FRESH BATTERIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ADDED DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS.

BRITISH ACTION FROM KENYA

Closing In On Italians

(By "Reuter's" Correspondent in Sudan) KHARTOUM, Dec. 26.—British patrols in the Kassala sector of the 1,200 mile Sudan-Abyssinian, front are becoming more active and aggressive, and although this railway town, which is situated inside the Sudan 20 miles from the frontier, is held by the enemy, its streets have become dangerous at night for unwary Italian troops.

Britain's Food Supplies

Quite Ample LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter). -Despite all the efforts of the ent stocks of all essential food- back to the British lines. stuffs, and even if the British people have to accept shorter supplies, there is no fear of their being forced on to "iron"

rations: will still be getting a larger bushes and tall grass of the bush allowance than the inhabitants of the enemy countries and the territories they have over-run. Food experts regard the position of

fats as a very important one for a country's staying power and they say that the situation in Britain is very good indeed. The sugar-beet crop this autumn

has been a very successful one and the Ministry of Food has ample sugar oversens. Ten supplies are expected to last Gallabat.

for many months to come. There is some suggestion that the meat ration may be reduced in the in the neighbourhood of Addis Ababa. year from 1s, 10d, worth per head per week to is. 6d. worth. The Ministry has found that only about 90 to 95 per cent, of the present ration is used.

Swiss Raids Faked?

London Suspicions

-A suspicion that the enemy the discontented tribesmen. may have manufactured "evidence" to suggest that R.A.F. planes bombed Swiss territory is voiced in authoritative quarters in London to-day.

The Swiss General Staff communique stated that foreign planes flew over Swiss territory on Christmas Eve, and authoritative quarters in London now point out that it has been officially announced that no R.A.F. operations were carried out can citizens have urged President Roosevelt to "make it a settled policy of the United States to do everything that may be necesber 24 and 25,

The same quarters observe that the sary to ensure the defeat of the Axis. Powers," it was an-Swiss Staff communique confirms the nounced by the White House to day. suspicions that earlier reports of bombing of Swirs territory by the In a letter to the President, the military, naval and air strength we joinder.
RAF, may have been based on group, which included editors, law- now have and the implements we can He well

Men are found dead in lonely alleyways and at street corners in this once peaceful trading centre and men lock their doors troops who are reportedly stealing into the town under cover of darkness, seizing an occasional prisoner, killing a dozing sentry or merely "borrowing" some cases of beer or chianti.

On one occasion Sudanese entered the town and arrested a notorious Ministry of Food still has suffici- asteep by his house and carried him

Ambushes In Tall Grass

All along the border British patrols enemy back towards the frontier. Even if the present butter There has been a series of hide and ration is cut, the British people seek ambushes among the thorn

> Occasionally there is a larger operation when a mechanised patrol tow, and Kwonghoi on the policy. of the Sudan Defence Force waylays southwestern coast of Kwangsome Italian column which becomes tung, inflicting severe damage to too venturesome: but British harassing tactics originally designed to contain the enemy forces, are now materials to be used by Chiang Graziani, like the other officers under Poland. having the effect of slowly pushing Kai-shek's forces. the Italians back.

The main body of the Italian Army stocks, both home-produced and from is concentrated at Ahmara and in Eritren, supporting

There are also large concentrations

Threat From Kenya

British and Imperial troops, now reinforced and fully equipped, are lying in wait like a cat watching a mouse along the whole front, while the Italian hold on Abyssinia is also threatened by General Cunningham's forces on the Kenya border.

Inside Abyssinia itself tribes are paign. growing more restless. The flame of

Roosevelt

back upon Bardia, have been stubbornly resisting. There is brilliant sunshine and a cold wind is blowing.

The Italians, who have been beaten further

The rival armies remained heedless of the Feast of Nativity as the British forces sought to sweep the Italian defences into the sea.

Japanese Start New Operations

fearful of soft-footed Sudanese Southwest Kwangtung Towns Bombed SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ing into effect on December 25 of the blockade announced by Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, Commander-in-Chief of German counter-blockade, the enemy native agent as he was lying Japanese China Seas Fleet, on Radio and the Lallan press have been Japanese China Seas Fleet, on trying to paint a picture of the hold-December 23, Japanese naval ing out of the Bardia garrison as a forces, including aircraft, start- heroic achievement and the Italian war of surprises in which logic and small parties of the Sudan along the southwestern coast-of qualities of the soldiers overseas. Defence Force are hustling the Kwangtung, according to the mark on the ineptitude of this pro-South China Seas Fleet.

warehouses filled with war

New Naval Appointment

During the last war Vice-Admiral communique.

revolt is being further fanned by the is not to be confused with Admiral bombed by Italian warplanes, R.A.F. who are incessantly bombing Sir Andrew Brown Cunningham, LONDON Dec. 26 (Reuter). Italian strongholds within sight of Commander-in-chief of the Mediter- repulsing Greek attacks at many rancan).

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuter) .-- More than 150 Ameri-

The attackers are confident

along the coastal road leading to many hauled by brand new Italian lorries which had been captured in the desert fighting.

Official Report CAIRO, Dec. 26 (UP), To-day's General Headquarter report says that CANTON, Dec. 27 (Domei). On the Soudan frontier the patrol Simultaneously with the bring- made a successful raid on east Kassala and inflicted a number of casualties on the chemy.

Italian Incompetence

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Rome ed operations against the Chung- people are being told again and plays no part." king supply routes and harbours again of the good morale and fighting

Commentators outside Italy re-Naval planes carried out re- bania and the Western Desert is not troops would be highly significant, tung, Tinpak, Yeungkong, Feng- of the general direction of Italy's war not expecting any increase in the pre-

> Ill-Conceived Defences to carry out the campaign. Marshal partially due to a shift towards south Mussolini, spent three months pre-

Italian Statement

British attacked.

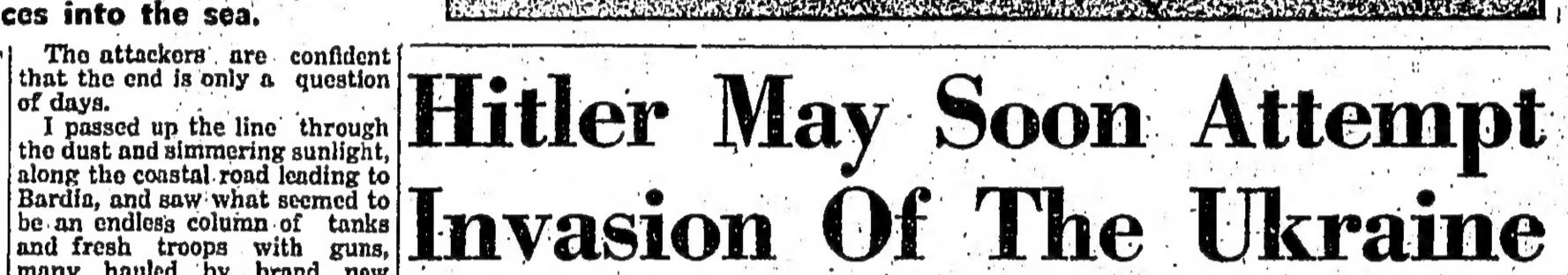
ROME, Dec. 26 (Domei) .-- As the battle on the Cyrenzica front continued with undiminished intensity LONDON Dec. 26 (Reuter).-The between artillery, the Italian subappointment of Vice-Admiral John marine Moceno under the command Cunningham as Lord Commissioner of Captain Alberto Agostini sank two of the Admiralty and Chief of Sup- large steamers in the Atlantic while plies and Transport was announced hitting another with a torpedo, the Italian High Command claimed in a

Cunningham was at sea practically Italian planes attacked British the whole time, taking part in, among advanced positions heavily bombing other actions, the Dardanelles cam- them, the communique stated. It also claimed that British mechanized units (Vice-Admiral John Cunningham south of Cyrenaica were "effectively" On the Greek front, Italian forces

points captured a number of prisoners while causing considerable damage to the Greek forces, declared the communique.

De Gaulle

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter). -The announcement that the from General de Gaulle a re- Bea.



Special to the "Telegraph"

SOFIA, Dec. 26 (UP).—Neutral sources are re-emphasising the possibility of Hitler attempting an invasion of the Ukraine.

It is declared that a blitzkrieg campaign may be staged during January, when the situation in Libya is unchanged. there is very little snow falling and everything is frozen hard; enabling the easy use of motorised equipment.

It is pointed out that if such a campaign is successful, Hitler will have his own granary which would be ready for planting by the spring.

It was added that such a campaign was well within the bounds of possibility "in

Turkish Opinion

Istanbul, Dec. 25 (UP).—A very well informed source who has just press section of the Japanese paganda because it is known both returned to Istanbul from Rumania inside and outside the country that is of the opinion that the arrival of the Italian series of defeats in Allany large new bodies of German connaissance flights over Shui- the fault of the Italian soldiers but since the Rumanian authorities are sent figure, which, he said, was 42,000

Mussolini attacked Greece without. He suggested that any troop movetaking the proper military measures ments through Hungary might be

He estimated that there are 7 paring fortifications in the Western German divisions on the Russo-Polish Desert that were so badly conceived frontier, the movement of which is that they fell like ninepins when the difficult because of the comparatively antiquated Polish railway system.

Berlin Dismisses Reports

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (UP).—Authorized Nazi circles said the foreign reports of Rus x-German difficulties in the Rumanian area were "routine attempts of foreign propagandists to disturb the relations of the two coun-

They also dismissed the "wishful

sarabla and Poland. Russian delegate had resigned from Russia. the Danube river control conference Perhaps the Soviets would prefer the middle of January.

TOWARDS TURKEY

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, Dec. 26 (UP) .- Germany now possesses sufficient military strength to drive a wedge between Greece and

However, diplomatic sources assert that it would be difficult to reconcile any German passage through Yugo-Slavia because of the recent pact with Hungary.

The Bulgarian situation is equally delicate.

It is believed that the Russian garrisons in Bessarabia now total at least 20 divisions with full mechanized accessories. This is couble the number of Russians there last summer and early autumn.

Spring Attack? Germany's reported troops move-

about one month according to the foreign policy. consensus of diplomatic opinion. thinking" reports of German troop time positions rather than any imcasting because everything is appar-They put aside the report that the ently dependent upon the attitude of

TURN to Back Pago, Column 3

EGYPT'S VIGILANT DEFENCES

CAIRO, Dec. 26 (Renter). The Chamber of Deputies, after three days of secret debate, passed by 122 to 68, a vote of ment towards Rumania will require confidence in the Government's

The Prime Minister, Sirry represents preparations for spring- Pasha, winding up the debate, movements on the Russo-German mediate action in the Balkans; how- declared that danger to Egypt frontier, and that Russia had streng- ever, it is stressed the fact that it is was remote. after the British, thened her garrisons in both Bes- impossible to do any accurate fore- victory but that Egypt was continuing its defence pro-

Sirry Pasha said that the Governwhich has now been adjourned until to throw their support - towards ment's policy was based on fulfilment of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty and defence of the country. Egypt was oyally carrying out the Treaty. The debate revealed general agreement with the speech from the Throne at the opening session of Parliament when Sabry Pasha (then

Prime Minister) collapsed and died.

Dover Patrol's Invasion

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Router).—Perfect "invasion" weather Vichy Government has decided occurred in the Straits of Dover during Christmas and heavily to release French officers armed guards were doubled against the possibility of a lightning captured at Dakar has drawn German thrust through the blanket of mist covering the calm Britain stood on guard against in-

Picked troops combed the vasion throughout the Christmustide.

combing of Swiss territory by the RAP, may have been based on RAP, may have and the inplements we can produce are enough to make certain produce are enough to make certain the detent of the Arts Powers so long to reverting the power and the ships of the While the unoffield the rows of long-transport whom, unit to produce are enough to make certain the certain selects that French public opinion has compelled the French public opinion has compelled to French public opinion has compelled the French public opinio

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2.15 Close down. 5.45 Indian Programme. 6.30 Closing local Stock Quota-

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7.15 London Relay-Questions of the Hour. 7.30 Latest Variety.

Report and Announcements. 8.03 Band Music. 8.15 London Relay-"Under the Chungking.

Crooked Cross." A Feature Programme. News Commentary.

and People. 9.45 A Russiam Programme. 10.09 Rayel—Sonatina for Plano.

1st Mov: Modere, 2nd Mov: Menuet, 3rd Mov: Anime, Alfred Cortot (Piano). 10.20 Cesar Franck-Symphony in

D Minor. 1st Mov: Lento-Allegro non troppo, 2nd Mov: Allegretto, 3rd Mov:

Allegro non troppo, Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski. 11.0 Close down. EVACUATION MEETING

The Evacuation Representation Committee is holding a meeting this of Sir Stafford Cripps, British evening at 6 p.m. in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel, at which the attuation as it exists will be explain- their Journey through Norway to the as to what future action should be flour and water, often sleeping in taken.

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KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB

Members of the Kowleon Bowling Green Club will be "At Home" to all invited Guest's on the occasion of the Club's Annual "At Home" and Closing Day, to be held by appointment. Tel. 30709, office on Saturday, 28th December, 1940. The Lawn Bowls games will commence at 2.30.

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SHANGHAI DISPUTE

Japanese Dissatisfied With Council

🖖 Shanghal, Dec. 26: The President of the Japanese Ratepayers' Association, Mr Yukichi Hayashi, made a long statement today demanding greater Japanese representation on the Municipal Council. He pointed out that aithough there were 80,000 Japanese in the International Settlement and vicinity, there were only two Japanese members on the Council. The British had five members although there only 7,000 British residents, so that the British were able to monopolise the 1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Wea- the unfair state of the Settlement's the Empire to continue their co- It was suggested by Mr Magnay l administration.

. Mr Hayashi stressed that the de- tion of the war. ment's administration could not be Reuter. 8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather hoped for. Moreover, the Settlement's administration directly affected the Japanese campaign against

Mr Hayashi recalled that the their control in the names of their rate the dangers and difficulties which the elections,-United Press.

Cripps's Nephew Back From Internment

Among officers and men of the Leicestershire Regiment who have just arrived in England from the Swedish internment camp at Fallum is Captain M. A. H. Cripps, nephew Ambassador to Moscow.

The party had many adventures or There will also be a discussion Swedish border and lived for days on the open in snow five feet deep.

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

TIMES SQUARE—Packed in tighter than proverbial sardines are thousands of persons watching election returns in Times Square, New York. This view is looking north from Times building at 11:15 P. M. Stores and restaurants along famed boulevard had braced windows with studding to keep glass intact from surging crowds:

King's Address To Empire

Praises Courage Of British Peoples.

London, Dec. 26. The dangers and difficulties confronting Britain would be overcome with the help of God and the world. would be made a better place in which to live when peace was restored, declared the King in a Christmas broadcast to the nation and Empire yesterday.

"At this time all of us are, in the front line." He praised the courage fellowship" they were showing in ad-versity. He spoke of a word of comfort to members of families separated by the war, the many sons taken from their homes, the many children who would be lonely during the Christmas sesson. He expressed the hope that they would be more happy added, "with the preservation" in the year to come.

best to help the fighting services win Mr Geoffrey Mander (Lib., Wolver-Settlement's administration. He said the war. In the New Year it would hampton, E.) thought he had got the the Japanese were not satisfied with be the task of all Britons throughout whole thing out of proportion. operation in the successful prosecu- (Simonite, Gateshead) that Mr Wells ed found the station in a shambles.

mand for larger Japanese repre- In the United States there were For the Government, Mr Osbert been destroyed, and in them he found sentation was natural in view of the many staunch friends and organisa- Peake (Under-Secretary, Home Of- the bodies of Mr and Mrs Meyerholt Sino-Japanese conflict. The progress- tions giving assistance to Britain, His fice) again found it necessary to and his injured wife. Half of the ing Japanese interests in Shanghai Majesty said. The world will be a speak slightingly of Mr. Wells, were inseparably connected with better place and Christmas days "We are all agreed," he said, "on molished. _ strategic considerations. He said be happy again when Peace is res- the great eminence of Mr Wells-at | Eight bombs had fallen in the that without Japanese co-operation tored. "I wish all a merry Christ- any rate in the realm of fiction. His compound. the smooth execution of the Seitle- and a happy New Year."- excursions into the realms of fact

Grave Crisis Surmounted

London, Dec. 25. In his Christmas Day broadcast failure of the Japanese to secure more this evening. His Majesty King D.O London Relay-The News & seats in April was due to defects in George told the Empire: "We may the election regulations by which look forward to the new year with 9.30 London Relay-Talk: Books British firms divided and registered sober confidence. We have surmounthe land, offices and buildings under ted a grave crisis. We do not underemployees, thus being able to create confront us still, but we take courseveral thousands of votes just before and comfort from the successes of our fighting men and our Allies which were won at heavy odds on land, in the air and on the sea. The future will be hard, but our feet are planted on the path of victory and with the help of God we shall make our way to justice and peace."_ tical. United Press.

Windsor Broadcast

New York, Dec. 25. The Duke of Windsor, speaking carned by British subjects. over the radio from Nassau, hailed The Treasury arranged that they the hospital in 1927, victim of a mothe peace of the new world and should be placed at its disposal by for accident. prayed that the "end of hostilities be exchange in order that we might buy . The hospital authorities have fornot too for distant and that Britain in the U.S.A. will not again became entangled in the strifes and quarrels of the old the person the greater the number of had waited at the hospital for him. world where the teachings of the dollars he could earn. Church and the message of Christmas has not been heeded.

"We in this colony are engaged in Britain's conflict, but at the same time we are confident in the strength and character of our race and that their endurance and tenacity- will bring this tragle war to a successful conclusion. Our admiration for the gallantry of the fighting forces known no grounds, but our special sympathy goes out to all who have become innocent victims of modern warfare."

Circus King

Mr Edward H. Bostock, eighty-oneyear-old circus king, has died in a Odets, the well-known American was practically blind and deaf.". Glasgow nursing home. Bostock and Wombwell's menagerie, which had been on the road for 128 years, was sold to the Zoo ten years

ago. Mr. Bostock had worked among the animals for sixty years, and often visited them at Whipsnade. When he was seventy-one Mr

H. G. Wells Attacked, Defended in Commons

A VIOLENT attack on Mr H. G. Wells was made by Lord Winterton, Conservative member for Horsham, in the House of Commons recently.

He complained bitterly that what Mr Wells had said in the United States, particularly his reference to Lord Gort as "a praying general," was likely to do harm there.

Lord Winterton suggested that much of what Mr Wells had said was "black-guardly." It was intolerable, he added, that "this agnostic and re-

publican, with his hatred of things that nine-tenths of his countrymen hold prefellow he had seen demonstrated by people cious, should be allowed to go on every side and the "splendid good to the United States to lecture at the present time." "Prejudiced"

From the Front Opposition bench separated from parents and friends Mr Shinwell suggested that Lord Winterton was "prejudiced" against Mr. Wells. "I am" concerned," he liberty of speech." Sir Patrick Hannon (Con., Mosc-

The King urged people to do their 'ey) supported Lord Winterton, but chung, in the Mirs Bay district, at I was "now in his dotage."

have sometimes been less happy."

Age Counts

leave this country.

in mind that Mr Wells was over 70. of 16 and 60 were not allowed to leave this country in war-time, exwas that if a man was over 60 the assistance he could give to the war effort was so negligible. . . Protests from the elderly and some laughter drowned the rest of

the sentence. The second reason was more prac-

An Export

country, the Minister said, that as George Hospital. many dollars as possible should be

It followed that the more eminent. Ever since his master's, death he nvisible export.

Film Stars Cleared

playwright, in May.

Colcutto, Dec. 26. Prince Saw Yan Naing, only sur-Bostock married Mrs Jean Frame viving descendant of the Burmese Flint, daughter-in-law of the Scottish Royal Family, left for Rangoon yes-comedian W.F. Frame. They had terday accompanied by his son and been friends for thirty years. four daughters,—Reuter,

Missionary And Wife Killed

Japanese Bombing Of Mirs Bay

Mr and Mrs F. W. Meyerholt, Swiss missionaries, and their Chinese cook were killed, and the wife of the Chinese Pastor, the Rev. Yee, had both legs broken when Japanese planes bombed the Swiss mission station at Kuelchung, eight miles from Shayup.m. on Monday.

Mr Yee was out preaching at the time of the raid, and when he return-The two houses in the compound had i mission chapel, had also been de-

Mr and Mrs Meyerholt, who have three children in Basle, Switzerland, had been in China for many years. They returned to Switzerland owing Mr Peake then explained why Mr to the ill-health of Mrs Meyerholt a Wells was granted permission to few years ago and returned to the Colony last year and went to the It was relevant, he said, to bear Kucichung station in September last. The mission station was establish-In general those between the ages ed at Kucichung about 20 years ago.

DOG'S VIGIL

A DOG'S 18-year wait for his master ended recently in Sydney, when Bluey, 15-year-old cattle It was of great importance to this dog, died in the grounds of St. Bluey's master, a driver, died in.

gotten his name. But Bluey did not forget his master.

The dog slept under the out-Mr Wells might be regarded as an patients' department, where his master was first admitted. · Regularly, he would go to the entrance of the building, peer in, and then walk dejectedly away.

"One-Man Dog" "Bluey was essentially a one-man

dog," the president of the R.S.P.C.A. (Mr M. A. Troill) sald. A representative of Mr Martin The Medical Superintendent of St Dies, chairman of the committee George Hospital (Dr Geoffrey Fen-





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Cavalry New Wheels

Rough Riders' Column Britain has now a "cavalry"

awheel with headquarters in strategic positions.

Crack riders of the dirt track and the grass track, and road racers are being trained to be ready at all times to dart off at top speed to any point indicated. Within seconds of an alarm, in the event, for instance, of attempted invasion, they will roar into action to deal with any enemy troops who may land by parachute or 'plane. Tested Recently

. If the road to the spot winds about Investigating un-American activities, ton) said: "A hospital bed was bought last year with money voluntake the film stars, Franchot Tone, Francis Lederer, and Luise Rainer of accusations of Communist Bluey."

It the road to the spot winds about too much, then the mobile units will take the direct route over moor and teered by the public to honour fen. They are trained in "rough-riding" of the most gruelling type— Two brass plaques bearing his fields, muddy lanes, mountain tracks,

Francis Lederer, a native of name have been placed in a ward of the hospital, and on a kennel at the King Edward Dogs' Home, Moore of the King Edward Dogs' Home, Moore in the Western Command, the riders when Munich was signed. Luise Rainer was born in Vienna. She was a dusty-blue dog with and plenty of mud. They swept the strength of the strength of the Rainer was born in Vienna. She was a strength of the strength of the hospital and on a kennel at the Western Command, the riders encountered hills, ditches and ponds, and plenty of mud. They swept the strength of the hospital and on a kennel at the western Command, the riders encountered hills, ditches and ponds, and plenty of mud. They swept and plenty of mud. granted a divorce from Clifford a stout spirit. Before he died he across the country, at top speed. swooping over hills and ploughing through ponds.

The test was as exciting and spectucular as any tourist or track race. There were one or two spills, but the riders were all experts in falling without injury to themselves or their powerful machines, and in avoiding causing danger to the men following. Controlled skids were all in the game, and there was not even a burned-out clutch when the test was

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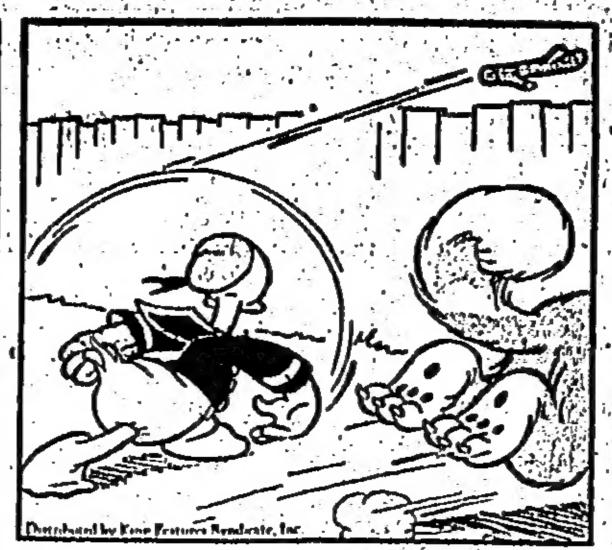
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GAZII

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean

I twisted and turned, but

they were too accurate.

could hear the thud of their

Pieces of my aircraft seem-

Then came a cold stinging

ed to be flying off in all direc-

tions: my engine was damag-

in my left foot. One of the

Jerry bullets had found its

I was about to dive to the sea

and make my escape, low down,

when the control cloumn became

useless in my hand. Black smoke

poured into the cockpit and I could

I knew that the time had come

Everything after this was per-

fectly calm. I was at about 10,000

feet, but some miles out to sea. I

lifted my seat, undid my strap and

The wind became my ally. A

It was a pleasant sensation. I

was in mid-air-floating down so

peacefully in the cool breeze that

ripcord and open my parachute.

I had to remind myself to pull my

When the first jerk was over

· swung like a pendulum. This was

not so pleasant, but I soon settled

down, and I was able to enjoy a

full view of the world below-the

beach, some miles away, with soldiers—the long lines of villas.

THERE was no sensation of speed

but the ripples on the water

I had one minute of anxiety. As

I floated down one of the Messer-

little alarmed. Would he shoot?

quite well. He opened his hood,

waved to me and then dived to-

The wind was still friendly. It

was carrying me in towards the

beach. I took out my eigareties

and lit one with my lighter with-

Ages seemed to pass. I threw

away the eighrette as I came nearer

and nearer to the coast. I could

hear the raiders passed sirens-

and, passing over the houses on the

sea-front, I could see the people

I had descended to about 1,000

feet. I began to sway a little and I could hear my parachute flapping.

For the first time since the enemy

pilot circled around me I became

Well, the journey ended in a cucumber frame—after I had push-

beach came nearer.

out any difficulty.

looking up at me.

anxious.

hand—actually the slip-stream catching under my helmet—seemed

to lift me out of the cockpit.



. nobody'd believe you anyhow!"

mark.

for me to depart.

opened the hood.

Simply but vividly, a British fighter pilot describes what lies behind the official phrase, "But the pilot is safe."

AUR squadron of fighters was flying east when three enemy aircraft were seen flying west, in the clouds overhead. I told our leader that I would climb with my flight above the clouds and investi-

As I did this, twelve Messerschmitt 109 fighters emerged. Still climbing, I made for the sun, turned, and gave the order for my flight to break up and attack.

In a moment, our battle began-our six Hurricanes against the enemy's twelve.

The eighteen aircraft chased round and round, in and out of the cloud. I chose my first opponent. He seemed to be dreaming and I quickly got on to his tail and gave him a short burst which damaged him.

I flew in closer and gave him a second dose. It was enough. He dived, out of control. I followed him down to 6,000 feet. There I circled for a minute or two and watched him dive vertically into the calm sea.

I opened my hood for a breath of fresh air and looked about the sky. There was no sign of either the enemy or my own flight. I was alone.

CLIMBED back into the cloud, which was thin and mistry. Three Messerschmitts, flying in line astern, crossed in front of me-so close that I could see the black crosses

on their wings and fuselage. I opened fire on number three in the formation. We went round and round in

decreasing circles as I fired. I was lucky again. Pieces of his wings flew off. Black smoke came from his plane.

He dived, and I fired one nore burst at him, directly rom astern.

We were doing a phenonenal speed—then my ammunithm gave out, just as the oher two Messerschmitts atackel me.

UROPE'S Great Famine, forecast for this winter, a has already begun. The.

Nazi Press is boasting of it openly. "The standard of living of the Dutch people," says the Deutsche Volkswirt, "must be lowered if the conquered country is to supply Germany with food." .

"The food supplies in the Danish storehouses have been exported to Beobachter.

placed at the service of the German people," says the Frankfuster Zel-

"In occupied Prance," says the Nazicontrolled Radio Luxemburg, "the harvest is being supervised by German organisations." "All agricultural produce and all codstuffs are being requisitioned," says

the German official news agency.

The Nazis boast that food in Germany
's now plentiful. Rations are being increased in the Reich-and correspondingly reduced in the conquered

Steadily and systematically the work of plunder is going on, The Germans are to be fed. If that means that Dutch and Belgians and French, Danes and Norwegians and starve-why should Germany worry? "Woo to the bonquered!"

HUN'S HAND

The purpose of those sweeping invasions was double. Partly it was strategic. Partly it was sheer plunder. It has given the Reich, as Hitler himself boasted in the Reichstag, "control ... of 70,000,000 people who can be active in the economic scheme."

The plan is being carried out ruthlessly. The conquered countries are being told that they must reorganize their whole economic life for the benefit of the conquerors.

France is warned that she is "over industrialised"; that she must shut down her industries, set her workers to grow more food-for German consump-

Holland is told that she must change her whole system of cattle farming. "The meat from the slaughter of cattle which becomes necessary," adds the Nazi Commissar-General, "will be taken over by the Reich."

Food for Germany, Privation, or even starvation for the Dutch. They must slaughter their cattle-and Germans will cat the meat

As it is with Holland, so it is with hapless Denmark.

The Great Famine

Has Begun

Again hear the Nazis beasting of what they are doing to the Danca. "Denmark is sending us 45,000 barrels of butter a week-more than she used to send to England," crice the Saarbrucken radio.

"Deliveries of eggs and butter and Germany," says the Voelkisches livestock from Denmark are exception-"All Dutch supplies will be pigs being sent," says the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung.

"Ten thousand head of Denmark's breeding cattle are to be sent to Germany," says the Transocean Agency.

FOR GERMANY

Food for Germany. Food for the Germans. Increased rations to keep the German people from grumbling, from asking what they are gaining from these military victories. Food to tide them over the coming

After that, it may get difficult. You cannot slaughter cattle twice. Food-for the time being-for Germany. What of Denmark?

A third of her livestock has already gone to Germany, according to American reports to President Roosevelt. Half her pigs and poultry are to be slaughtered. There is a deficiency already of one-third in normal bread-

The agricultural situation, says another reliable report, "is becoming catastrophic." With cruel insolence, the German propaganda pretends to the world that

stuffs and fodder grain,

Denmark is being benefitted. Her export trade is increasing. Is that not splendid for her? It might be if these big compulsory

exports to the Reich were being paid for. But, for the most part, they are not paid for-except in paper. This is not export trade. It is just How is it done? Something, of course, the Reich sends

in exchange to Denmark. It must send coal and oil, or the whole machinery would break down, and there would be no plunder. It sends, in goods, the minimum necessary to keep the wheels turning for German profit.

PROMISE PAPER

But the greater part of the loot is either not paid for at all, or the Danes are made to pay for it themselves.

Before the invasion, Denmark was in debt to Germany. That has been wiped out, and a big German debt to Denmark (which Germany has not the least intention of paying) has taken its place.

For the rest, payment has been made a German promissory notes. Already there are many million pounds' worth of this uscless paper in Denmark.
And now the unhappy Danish Govern-

ment has been ordered, in effect, to make the Danish people pay them off. The Danish Government is to issue a special credit in Danish krone to cover these Reichscreditkassescheine. The result of that (never mind the technicalities of it for the moment) is going to be a serious inflation of the Danish

Prices will rise. The unhappy Dane will pay more for everything. And the extra amount he pays will in fact be payment for all that the Germans have

It is a device typical of Dr. Schacht, Hitler's Insucial schemer. Estimates are not easy. But from all the evidence to be had there is good reason to believe that the German loot out of Denmark in three months must tot up in , value to something like £20,000,000.

That is from Denmark alone. The same thing is being done in all the other countries that the Nazi army has conquered. For a time the plunderers are

going to do pretty well out of their conquests. But only for a time. Plundered lands soon cease to yield. Germany may tide herself over the coming winter this way;

but hardly much longer. Hitler is pinning his hopes on getting peace this year. Germany is going to live on her conquesta

But what of the people the Nazis are robbing? For them the outlook is famine or something desperately close to it.

The Germans know that; but they do not care. Indeed, they are trying to profit by the very misery of their victims.

They are trying to persuade America that this misery will be the result of the British blockade. They are trying to induce American philanthropy to send food for hungry Belgians-more food that can be stolen and fed to

Germana. There will be hunger all over occupied Europe this coming winter and spring. There will be starvation in some

parts. It will be because the German armles and the Nazi Commissars have stolen the food of the people they have overrun.

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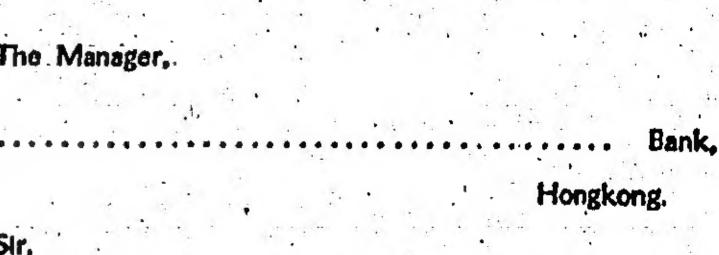
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PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE: THE LITTLE THINGS.

Another instalment from the no shrapnool. Gah, yow Jerries! you didn't notice it. Cup o' diary of a journalist who en-Just let me get one smack at char 'ere; cup o' char there.

listed in the Guards. A spangled skirt in a sport bit of mud to lean against. Old light. It is ack-ack fire. The Silence says: "It's funny."

The guns sound like blankets "The way you get accustomed" "When I first come," says the became bigger, the soldiers on the round us searching lights shoot most of us would have yelled look at my bed and said, Hell. schmitta appeared. The pilot cir-cled round me, and I was just a

barrage is up.

Something goes past; then Well-he didn't. He behaved plop.

wards the sea and made off towards from Leicester. "I ain't frit o'

ed myself free of a house with my And now I come to a pleasant

recollection-in spite of my injured foot and my painful landing. The people in that seaside town were wonderful. A woman appeared with a cup of tes-in one second. Then a policeman with a whisky and soda. I drank the whisky and soda

I remember one amusing incident as I was lifted into the ambulance. A little boy of seven came over to me with eigarettes, and he said: "Good luck, sir. When I grow up I'm going to be an airman, too."

THE sky twinkles like a I look for a more comfortable could do with one now."

"What's funny?"

being vigorously shaken. All to things. Three months ago Bedfordshire Boy, "I took one up, bounce off clouds, and swing blue murder if we were asked Three boards, and a donkey's to and fro, making strange to sit on a wet chair. Now, look breakfast. But now! Well, the

"It makes you realise the im- "Why, you —," says the Lad portance of everyday things," I from the Elephant; and uses

Old Silence replies: "You're right. Take things like air and I came to lie down on it daylight. I was coming along I couldn't sleep. There was an in the train when a warning extra couple of straws in it, it went. The blinds were pulled "It only open to show," sown

from the Elephant and Castle.

sounded, and the blinds went. "Sell me half of your bar o' up. I never saw so much de-chocolate," says the Bedfordlight taken in a little bit of shire Boy. ordinary daylight, and a few "No, but I'll give 'ee a bit," breaths of not very fresh air." says the Man from Yorkshire.

But now, blimey, you notice the taste of a nice cup o' char. I "Ah," says the Man from

Yorkshire. "And take beds."

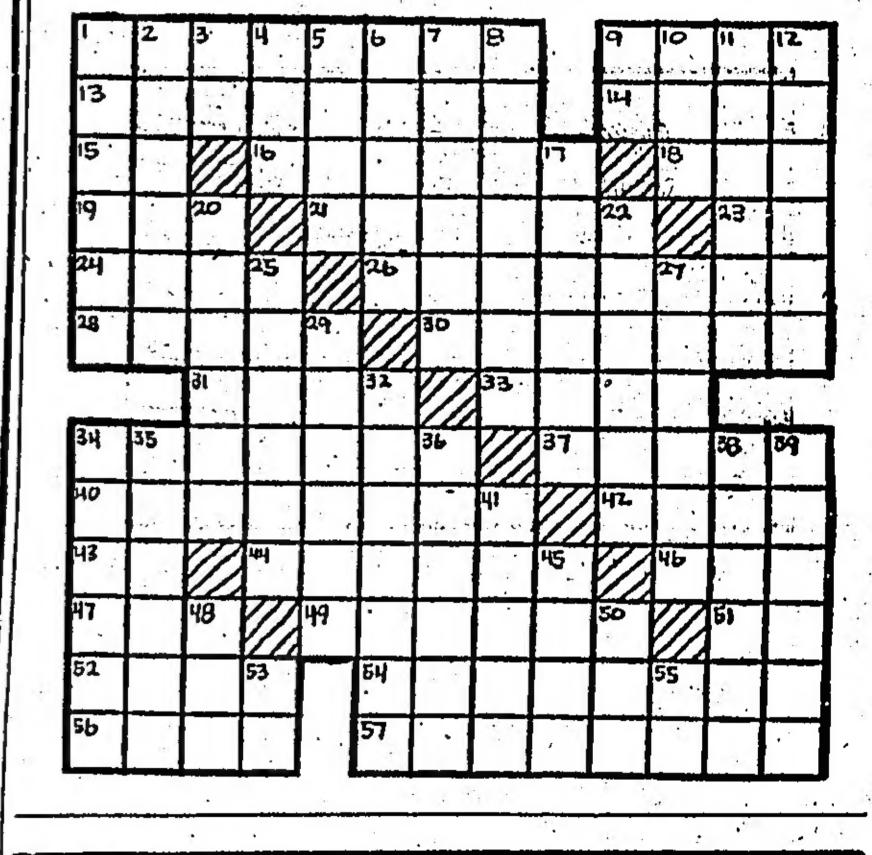
at us—sitting in puddles, and other day I got a different mat-glad of the chance . . . " tress. I swiped yours, Charlie."

bad words.

"-I swiped yours, and then when I came to lie down on it

"It only goes to show," says the Man from Yorkshire, "Ten miles on, the All Clear Sllence, except for the guns.

"Take tea," said the Lad "No, no, that's all right." "Go on, tek it, lad, tek it." "Why, back in Civvy Street, you This is the usual procedure ! drunk so much ten you got so with chocolate.



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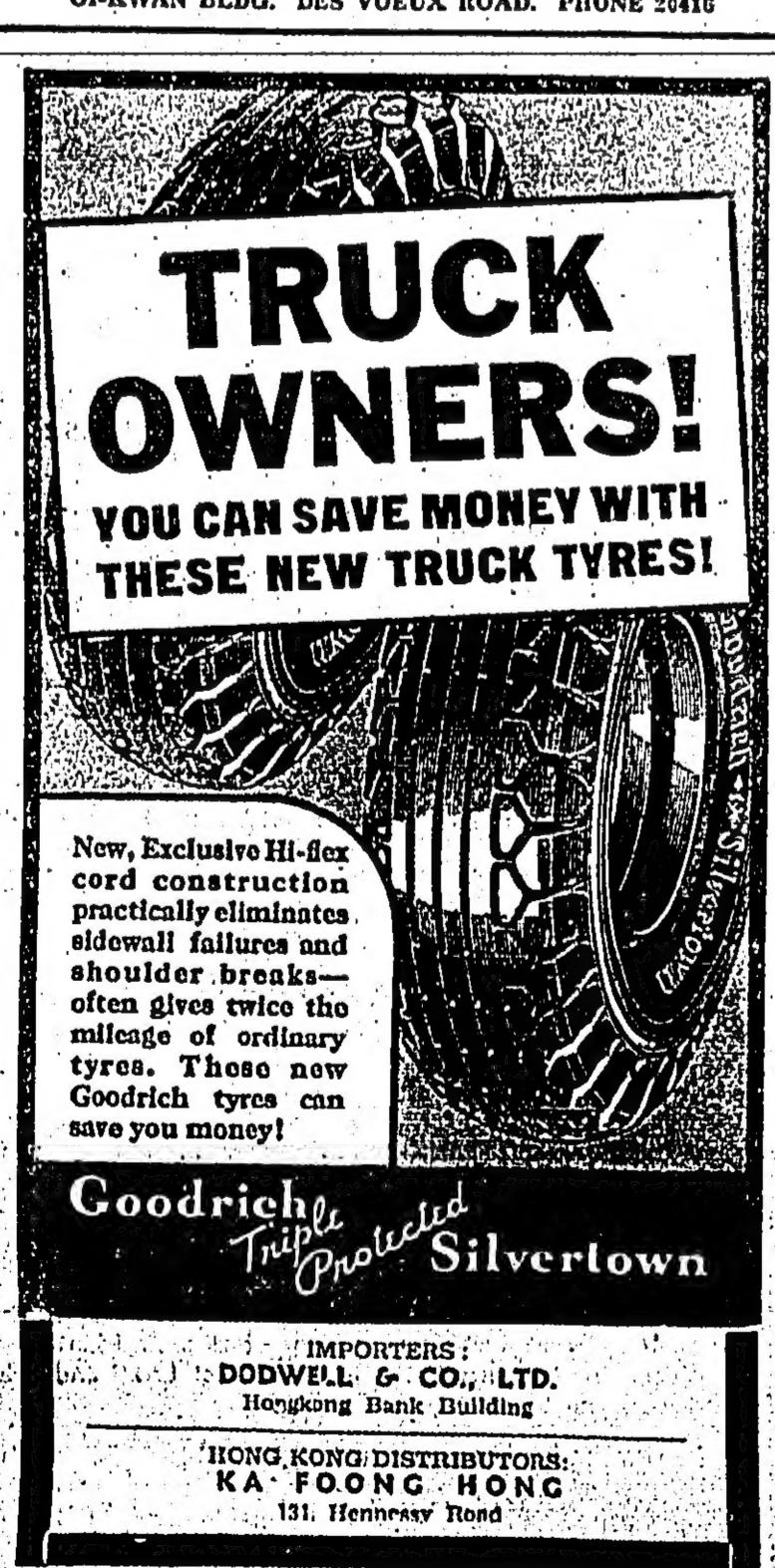
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BRITAIN AND THE U.S.

of the most satisfactory features, island, ..., viewed to day of sea power. attendant upon the war in through the glasses of air THE LESSON Europe. In its political phase power, becomes the logical this friendship means of course, commanding "centre of the that our eventual victory is entire eastern half of the costain, whereas before the odds | Mediterranean.

American cousin. In fact the cupied the island. that it is still necessary for him | enemy: to point out that the Englishman is a complete ass before he gains the sympathy of his audience sufficiently to lead on to the use America can make of these "stooges" for their own purposes in fighting Hitler! By such devious means the inherent distrust of Americans for the English must be overcome even to-day when most of the two peoples realise that our common happiness can only be gained by a common anti-authoritarian front.

The history books on both sides of the Atlantic have been the most potent sources children as to the course of history and played up their national more history than was crammed into them at school, such text books undoubtedly raised a fog to quash them. of confusion and lies which remained all their lives.

countries many reasons for distions on Italy, engineered the in Europe.

Major Alexander P. De Seversky

says

In the following article, specially written for the United Press, the noted acroplane designer and recent recipient of the Harmon Trophy as outstanding airman of 1939, discusses the importance of air power in connection with the fight between the British and the Axis nations for domination of the Eastern Mediterrancan, now centred in the battles in Greece and in the Western Desert.

the Mediterranean area revolved around Gibraltar, Malta, Haifa and Alexandria. But air power once again, in the unfolding campaign of this crucial area, will recast the old and accepted strategic maps of the world.

were quite heavily against us. Therefore, the ability of has profited from the experience across the Mediterranean. never fails to surprise the thus emerging as the critical nearby airdromes in southern British sea power. Englishman, that he personally question in the Mediterra-More important, it has learned AXIS AIR POWER and establish new aerodromes. was in very bad odour with his nean enigma. Having oc-the crucial lesson that it cannot weight of prejudice against him problem of the British now carrier-based aviation) against manage this alone. We may between the occupation of was so heavy that it will not all is to hold it against the air be dissipated for some years. offensive that is unquestion- bined Italian and German air ground for the collaboration of Nazi air attack. One American lecturer remarked ably being prepared by the threat with its own air power, German aviation. The Italian Another such time interval is

ITALY'S GREAT MISTAKE

The occupation of Crete gives the British distinct immediate advantages. The success which the British and Greek forces have scored against Italy to date prompt observers to label the Italian undertaking a "great mis-

The fact, of course, is that Italy was led to act in Greece. just as Germany had to act in. Norway, by the logic of their larger plans.

Both enterprises were necessary "next steps" in the attempt by the Axis to meet British sea supremacy with the Anglo-American friction because only counter-weapon they posthey blatantly misled school- sess, namely their air power. In Scandinavia their task was to

triumphs to the derogation of attack on the new Soviet, split other countries. To that vast the Irish and so on. The only bulk of people who never learnt anti-British propaganda that can have much force just now is that of the Axis minorities and the Dies Committee has done much

For the rest we shall let the voice of the working man speak In America there are more the oceans and let them with un-European minorities than in any | cultivated tongues, speaking other country and most of them from the forge and factory can recall through their mother | where they work long hours uncomplainingly to arm democracy liking Britain. It was Britain against the Axis, tell each other Anglo-American friendship will who thwarted Dutch dreams be of sterner stuff in future. of Empire, smashed Kaiser That relationship must be part Wilhelm's aspirations, put sanc- of Mr. Churchill's "new order"



instance, was made of Crete Greece it is to encircle the Suez determined to deny the British but they, are extremely vulner-

of the campaign: are shap-modern conditions of air power, In the Mediterranean, the ing up. One look at the just as the strategic naval Italians have been contronted a wall belowed as The increasing warmth of map discloses how Crete, bases were keys to their with a parpallel problem. The well-balanced air weapon.

NORWAY

the rely on its fleet air arm (the Italian aviation could not val of more than a month land-based enemy aircraft. Un- take it for granted that Norwegian coastal points by the

in the past. Yet to-day that region.

the use of Scandinavian waters, able to pursuit attacks because island, to the southeast of Axis control of Crete as an and lacking the necessary sea they lack defensive armament. Greece, seems destined to be aviation stronghold would make power, the Germans could cope Even more important, Mussolini the pivotal point in the the Eastern Mediterranean too with the situation only by lacks the pursuit fighters to con-

Anglo-American relations is one heretofore an inconspicuous particular areas under conditions superior British ficet was free to But contrary to popular conmove in neutral but friendly ception, most of the equipment Greek wat an. This interfered of German air power is unable seriously with Italy's life lines to Lybia and to the Dodecanese range. It is by no means a self-Islands. The Fascist overland sufficient air arm, having been campaign against Egypt was built for co-ordinated action campaign against Egypt was We must assume, however, bogging down because of British that the British high command harassment of the supply lines operations, German aviation, as A talk with well informed the British, with the support of the Norwegian reverses. It therefore became essential, at line of operating bases quite close Americans recently, elicited the of local Greek forces, to knows that to control Crete it almost any price, to bring Axis to its targets. fact, which characteristically hold the island of Crete is must prevent establishment of air force into play against

Little mention, for encircle the British Isles, and in Last April the Germans had and impressive striking power, great struggle for Mediter dangerous for the British fleet bringing their superior air voy his bombers effectively. ranean mastery. That is That is the sense in which Crete strength to the shores of the Hitler must therefore make up where the decisive air battles has become the strategic key North Sea. the difference by contributing to the Mediterranean under enough Messerschmitts and

> to carry on except at fairly close with land forces. To extend its It now constituted, must move its

The result is that German aviation can advance only as fast as it can move its supplies That is why there was an interless Britain can meet the com- Mussolini is merely clearing the British and their expulsion by

it will be merely a question of hombers—such as the Piaggio, just as unavoidable before the time before the fleet-mist re- the Caproni and the Savoia- combined German-Italian aviatire as it did in the North Sea. Marchetti-have a long reach tion can go after Crete.

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIONS

In both cases costly land operations would have been unnecessary if the Axis had possessed genuine air power, with the range and striking force (bomb loads) antirely possible at the present stage of aeronautic science. We must see to it that the implications of this are fully understood and taken into consideration by those responsible for the planning of our own American nir defence. They must realize that there is a big difference between genuine self-dependent air power and an air force conceived primarily as an adjunct of some other arm. This difference s growing even bigger with the rapid progress of aeronautics.

Overwhelming British nami superlority in the Mediterranan Will be as irrelevant as it projed to be in the Norwegan campaign. The air factor will tell the story.

Much will depend, obviously, on the measure in which Chachchill can divort air force from the battle of Britain to reinforce the Mediterranean position. In that sense the battle of Bitain complements the Greek campainn. That is the chief cason, in fact, why Hitler must leep up his attack on the Batish Island (Copyright 1940/ by United



to freeze the Channel." (In the "Chicago Daily Times.")

Japanese Freighter's Adventurous Voyage

Special to the "Telegraph". TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domel).—Ten months after it left Yokohama for Marsellles, the 7,149-ton war-scarred N.Y.K. freighter Nagara Maru returned here after experiencing two air raids

while in French and Italian harbours, and undergoing delays of 65 days in Genoa and 78 days in Colombo.

The Nagara Maru left Marseilles on June 2 when the Luftwaste raided that port, she proceeded to Algiers, then to Naples and Genoa. The vessel, retraced her course to Naples when Genoa was attacked by British aircraft. Arriving at Colombo at 11.49 p.m., the ship was detained by British authorities for 78

The freighter sailed from Colombo on December 2, permitting the crew consisting of 50 members, headed by Captain Masao Takada, to obtain the first glimpse of their fatherland since Murch 27.

Recounting his experiences at Marselles, Captain Takada said that the Luitwallo carried out five raids against the harbour on June 1 and 2. The Nagara Maru's bridge and woodwork were damaged by the splinters of a bomb which fell about 60 or 70 metres nway, upon which the freighter left there without the aid

of a pilot or a towing tug. Captain Takada expressed his admiration for the "bold and accurate" bombing of the Germans whose aircraft were "almost inaudible."

Japanese Envoy To Nanking

Talks of His "Mission"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Dec. 26 (UP).-The newly appointed Japanese Ambassador to Nanking, Mr Kumataro Honda, arrived this afternoon on route to his new post.

ready been done with the successful came non-belligerent. conclusion of a basic treaty between the two countries on November 30, his mission entailed bringing about closer co-operation between the Japaneso and Chinese peoples in line with the policy outlined in the Pact.

The 60-year-old Ambassador emphasised that he would discharge his duties in the letter and spirit of the Nanking-Tokyo Treaty, though he was not personally acquainted down in Nanking I may tour North died recently.
China and may return to Tokyo for Major-General Kobayashi, 52, was a visit and to report on conditions the commandant of an unspecified and my impressions in China."

Belgians Called To Arms

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 Reuter) .-- A "call to arms" to all Belgians between the ages of 19 and 25 has been issued by the Belgian Consul-General, M. Charles Hallcort.

this decree and should consult their sitional Committees, respectively. nearest Consul regarding their present military status."

Lifeboat Mystery

BPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP) Cap-Cap-Soviets Capture Spy tuguese freighter Goncalo Vehlo which docked here to-night, said he had sighted an empty lifeboat 200 "Hamburg,"

a 22,000 ton liner by that name but from one of the Baltic States, and there is no record that the ship has belongs to the intelligence service been sunk.

Christmas Gift For China War Orphans

BPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" Golden Rule Foundation ennounced the certainty of ultimate victory, to-day that it has cabled \$1,000 to said Sir Walter Layton shortly after Madame Chiang Kai-shek as an "extra his return to Britain from a four of Christmas gift" for China war America. That aid will become a orphans. They said they planned to positive avalanche and will reach its send a larger sum on New Year's climax next winter and in the spring

SPANISH FEELING

Xmas Truce Peace Symptom

MADRID, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The Pope's appeal for peace has found a ready echo in Spain.

Formerly a rather flery newspaper, the "Arriba," official organ of the State Party, to-day has a leader expressing great satisfaction at the virtual Christmas "truce," the fact that on Christmas Day there was no air activity over either Germany or England having already been given prominence in Christmas newspapers.

Consistent Status The "Arriba" expresses the hope that this may be a symptom of the possibility of peace and says: "Spain to-day as when General Franco on the first day of a war, examined the conflict, continues unwaveringly in

As a matter of fact in the speech referred to by "Arriba," General He said that since the preliminary Franco ordered Spaniards to observe work in the adjustment of relations the strictest neutrality but, following between Japan and China had al- Italy's entry into the war. Spain be-

Tokyo Bay Fortress

New Commander SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domei).-The with the leaders of the National Gov- War Office announces that Majorernment at Nanking. "I shall do my General Tsuncichi Kobayushi has utmost to discharge my duties to the been appointed Commander-in-Chief | carried the burden so magni- | Doctors to Australia's, inland outposts. mutual benefit of both Japan and of the Tokyo Bay Fortress succeeding. China," he said., "After settling Major-General Sadalchi Shloda who

corps at the time of the Nomonhan incident and lost his left leg. He has since recuperated from the wound.

Diet Meeting Plans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Dec. 28 (Domel).-Mr His appeal also includes reserve Glichi Masuda has been named officers, while volunteers between the Chairman of the Budget Committee ages of 16 and 36 will be accepted. of the House of Representatives, The announcement says: "Armed while Mr Shigeu Nishimura has been Belgian units are now being formed named Chairman of the Accounts in England to fight side by side with Committee. Mesers, Tomomasa-Kato, the British and Allied armics. Sanctaro Okamoto, and Gunji Matsul Beigians in countries not occupied by have been nominated Chairmen of the German Army are affected by the Appeals, Disciplinary and Propo-

At to-morrow's general meeting of the Diet, Mr Magoichi Tawara will move a resolution thanking the Army and Navy, while Mr Kiroku Oguchl will present the resolution candoling over the war dead.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (UP).-The miles east of the Azores marked newspaper "Pravda" reports that a coast guardsman captured on alleged The Hamburg-American Line owns spy who had entered Soviet-Russia of a foreign Power. The paper stated that the spy entered Russia in a small sloop which was wrecked.

U.S. AID AVALANCHE

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter) -If we can hold on during 1941, what the NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—The United States can produce gives us

Free China Observes Yunnan Uprising

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (Contral News) .- Chinese yesterday marked the 25th anniversary of the Yunnan Uprising, which was led by Generals Tsai Ao and Tang Chi-yao in 1915 to overthrow Yuan Shih-kai's monarchy.

More than 600 government national unity, and undermine the officials and military leaders held people's morale.

The occasion was also observed in a meeting at the National other cities in Free China, including Government Headquarters in Kunming, Kwelyang and Changsha. Chungking under the chairman- the French Concession in Shanghai ship of President Lin Sen.

of General Staff, delivered the prin- catablishments on! Nanking Road, cipal speech in which he exhorted All Chinese schools, factories, and the Chinese to stronger solidarity and business concerns had a holiday but to continue the present war of resist- no coremonies were held. ance, and national reconstruction Strict precautionary measures were under the leadership of Generalissimo taken by the police against untoward incidents. The day, however, passed any activity that may jeopardise the quietly.

the National flag was displayed and patriotic handbills were distributed General Pal Chung-hal, Vice-Chief in theatres and other amusement



DLIZZARD VICTIMS-It looked like a grand day for duck hunting when 18 men started out near Red Wing, Minn. But soon a blizzard roared out of the north and the men all were frozen to death. Here is how rescue party found two of the bodies. Nearly 150 died in Midwest storm.

Successful Empire Air Scheme: Second Contingent In

The arrival of the second contingent of Australian airmen in Canada emphasises the fact that the Empire Air Scheme has now become a feature of the war in the air.

"Although this is not the first draft of trainces under the Empire Air Scheme, this parade is of special importance because this is the first time a comprehensive draft, made up of pilots and air gunners from the R.A.A.F. is leaving Australia under the Scheme," the Governor of New South Wales (Lord Wakehurst) told the airmen in a farewell address.

"You go to continue your training in another part of the Empire. It is a mark of the immense value of the Empire Air Scheme that this training, unlike that in England, can be carried on far from interruption by events in the actual war zone," Lord Wakehurst said. "You will realise how important this is in ensuring that your training will be complete and up to schedule when you reach the scene of action. . .

working and that reinforcements are coming forward in a steady stream to relieve those wireless licence with the assistance of ficently for more than twelve!

months. the representative of Australia and airman went to the wireless-gunners, "Each of you leaves this country as of the R.A.A.F. You must not forget the standard of teaching in Australia will be judged by your proficiency and that the reputation of the Service depends on your bearing, your smar .ness and your discipline. The good name of the R.A.A.F. is now in your keeping. When you arrive, say little but keep your eyes and ears open ber won a perfect man competition caused. Remember you will be watched kcen-

win their respect. "Reware of over-confidence, the airmen's worst enemy, and remember that just when things seem easy and going well is the moment when something happens. Never leave. thing to chance. Always tive that lask-must-be-recorded, extra little blt of attention to your task and your equipment which makes the difference between doubt and certainty.

Advance Guard

"Yours is a service which leaves much to the individual. When you meet the enemy you will beat him because you are better men, and because you have made the best of your training and your equipment.

"You are the advance guard of to be going with you."

Australian manhood, from all walks of life, made up the contingent, which included a station manager, a station overseer, a chartered accountant, five expression, a ready, incorruptible adsolicitor, a motor business manager. a former naval rating, reveral uni- so firmly stood. versity students, and a mechanical engineer.

A Drummer Boy

The sergeant who had charge of the work of the contingent during the voyage to Carada served for three years in the Grenadier Guards as a drummer boy.

For the first time in the war. medical officer, a nurse and a nursing orderly sailed with Australian airmen. Even the medical officer has been trained to fly, a procedure adopted recently by the R.A.A.F., but one which has been in operation in the R.A.F. for some years.

Although only 21 years of age, member of the contingent wes a years, writes a correspondent. cintion manager when he enlisted. At 18 ha was in charge of a station running 6,000 head of cattle Charters Towers, Queensland. stations between us," he said. learned to fiv up to the commercial etandard with the Royal Queensland Acro Club."

Happy Reunion

Austrian. They enlisted together Rugby and Charterhouse. in Brisbane and their friendships was made conspicuous by the fact that the Australian was 6 ft. 514 ins. fall. They were parted because of friends mearmates in rugs and coats done. on the period around. When the New Zeplander, the ron

"Your arrival abroad will be war, returned, there was a solemn visible proof to other parts of unveiling ceremony of the 6 ft. 51/2 the Empire that the Scheme, is celebration.

One wireless-gunner secured his members of the R.A.F. who have on sets which summoned the Flying

> Youngest Member The honour of having and youngest

who, with a member 18; years, 01/2 months, secured the verdlet from the youngest pilot by twelve days. A wireless air gunner with the contingent is the great grandson of a clergyman who was sent to Fitcairn Island to care for the spiritual welfare of the descendents of the "Bounty" mutineers, Another memconducted by a Melbourne news-

must be drained in one draught, to- ence. any- time taken to complete this mighty

Press Must Not Be Stifled

M.P.'s Declaration

Capt. A. M. Lyons, K.C., M.P. thousands who are getting ready to for East Leicester, said at Leifollow. Everyone of your fellow cester recently that he would members of the R.A.A.F. would like oppose any attempt to stifle the free British Press from whatever source the attempt might come. A free Press, a free and constant Parliament, freedom of thought and bank clerks, medical students, a ministration of justice, formed the foundation of which British liberty

> "No Ministry of Information and no bureaucratic institution," he said, "must be allowed to control the free, fair criticism by which the Press of

Law Courts Defy Air Raids

Plans made at the beginning of the war to evacuate the Law Courts if air raids on London became intense have been dropped. The work is carried on during alerts in reinforced jury rooms below the courts, where judges and barristers sit a plain tables near witnesses and litigants.

If the evacuation plans had been put into operation grave dislocation of the machinery of the courts would have been

ly and critically by your friends from paper. He was 18 years of age.

Other parts of the Empire. You must The contingent, as a parting gift, decision to stay in London. They presented to their officers an have their chambers in easy reach enormous pewter mug-inscribed with of the Law Courts, and a move a verse demanding that the mug would cause them great inconveni-

Banks to Keep Open

The Committee of London Clearing Bankers decided to keep banks open for the transaction of urgent business during air-raid warnings. If it becomes necessary for the staff to take cover during a period of Imminent local danger, banking services will still be provided and the doors of the banking premises will not be locked, though they may be

There may be cases and occasions, however, where offices cannot be opened to the public.

Vital Records

In explaining these arrangements Mr Charles Didbury, chief general manager of the Westminster Bank, emphasised that to safeguard vital current records, it will remain necessary for a large proportion of the staffs to take these records to a place of safety when the aleft is sounded.

At many small branches, however, there are no underground strong Britain forms a guide and safety rooms, and on occasions the branches valve for all forms of free opinion of will be temporarily closed during

Diplomats Are Chosen

Selection and examination of candidates for the British Diplomatic Service has followed well-defined tradition for many

The service is recruited from an exclusive selection of candidates, whose qualification for the entrance examination is care-"My fully decided by a Selection Board appointed by the Foreign Secrefather, brother and I had three tary. This board takes into account education, health, general appearance and presence, and family background.

Open competition does not exist, examination has always confined but the preliminary process of selection number of possible candidates tion has been gradually widened of within a narrow limit Just before selling day there was recent years. At one time Eton, had, loy among the confingent over the a virtual monopoly. Now recruitlast-minute reunion of two close; ment is made from other great public comrades-2 New Zealander and an schools, such as Harrow, Winchester,

Private Income

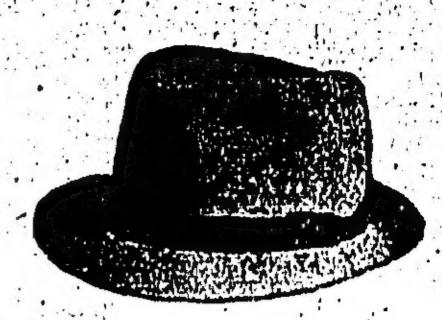
service confingencies, but unexpect- tion of entry was the possersion of a shown at a private interview. edly the Australian re-laired the private income of £400 a year. confingent before his. New Zealand Theoretically a council schoolboy Apart from the candidate's intelli-

of a War Cabinet Minister in the last a Selection Board and a competitive 10,000ft above sea level ...

Health Is Important

The examination itself in similar to that required for the general Civil Servico. French, German and one other language ere demanded, and high marks are given for original Unt'l a short while ago one condi-carays and general intelligence as

comrate returned from final leave, si, could now enter the service, but gonce and general finers for the he wes wrenned up by the two there is no record of this having been job. his health plays an important part in the minds of the Board, He may have to live in fever-infested. The combination of interview by tropics or in a rerefled atmosphere



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Portugal Gallantly Resist England

Defeated 3-2 With Ten Men: A. V. Gosano Injured Early in The Match

(By "SCRAMBLER")

Losing their backbone, A. V. Gosano, after fifteen minutes play, Portugal carried on their match in the semi-final round of the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup yesterday at Kowloon Football Club ground with ten men against England, after putting up a spirited resistance only to be beaten by a better team by the odd goal in five.

As long as "A. V." was with them, they more than held their own, and when this versatile "evergreen" player was injured in a collision with an English player, the Portuguese had to fight hard to avert a big defeat. It was to the credit of their defence that the score stood at that Unplaced pontes (\$50 each): Nos. 1377, figure, for time after time the abortive English raids were 1021. repulsed,

both sides. The Portuguese work with calm assurance and was were a diminuitive lot, and what way up in alding the attack. Britt 1091, 1123, 1515, 562, 1052, 205, 452, 794, 190. both sides. The Portuguese work with calm assurance and was by their speed. The forwards played well at times, but there Roughley and Freshwater partnered was not the same understanding each other well, their first time 1510, 1807, 261, 1707. as was evinced in the English tackling and clearances were very side. Playing with only four effective. forwards during the greater part at outside right found himself in a of the game, T. Alves should strange position, and although he did have been more on the alert and not send across many useful centres, his weak clearances were a his partnership with Le Page had the source of relief to the English Portuguese defence on tenterhooks. defence when they were on the The former player had good underattack.

have parted with the ball earlier on could be said of Saw. Blekford was many occasions. The live wire was in J. Gomes who was for ever a source of worry to the Englishmen. He would forage for the ball way back in the defence and then bring that was required of him. threaten the English citadel; H. Campos played as well as was to be expected, and his runs down the side line were always fraught with

Sound Defence

In defence, the Portuguese more than held their own. The coverings and clearances of D. Alves were a revelation to the eye, and he was the means of stopping many a threatening situation. He was ably supported by C. F. Remedies. B. Gesano taking over the duties of his elder brother in the centre half position played as a third back, and lent retaliated strongly, and B. Gosano's admirable support. The wing halves admirable aupport. The wing halves of Maxwell and Pereira were always to the fore. They had their share in marking the attack and were always covering their backs when being attacked. V. M. Marques in goal delighted-the speciators with many brits liant saves playing as he did in a strange position. He had much more to do than his opposite number, who novertheless did what was required of him. Had it not been for Robinson's daring in goal, the English team might have had to play off.

back trio that was the mainstay of net.

The game was fast and what slivings there when wanted, and science was lacking was more than made up by the keenness of both sides. The Portuguese with solar had this Portuguese player well bottled-up. Bright went about his principle.

standing with his other men. Hendy scored the "hat trick" and his distributions and footwork delighted C. Santos too was weak, and should the English supporters. The same the better of the two wingers, sending across many centres although he found in Maxwell a thorn to his doings. As stated, Robinson did all

Even First Half

The ball was swung from one end to the other. Both citadels were visited in turn, and sfter fifteen minutes of even play, A. V. Gosano was carried off the field after a collision with an English player. Not long after, Campos when going through on his own missed an open goal, having only Robinson to beat.

Returning to the attack, the English team secured the lead, when from a pass by Bright, Hendy went through to score with a right foot drive that had Marques diving. pass to T. Alves found the last named player taking a pot at goal only to see Robinson making one of his spectacular saves. Not long after Portugal obtained the equaliser, as from a shot laken by Gomes, Robinson was rushed and Santos had only to tap the ball into an empty net,

After the change over, Santos was put through on his own, and with only Robinson in his way, he shot wide. At the other end, Marques twice saved magnificently from Hendy and Saw and with the Eng-

their display, for although being Undaunted by this reverse, the moment on political grounds. worried they were never flustered, Portuguese went about their work and always came off with the better with a will, and from one of their end. Pope, Bright and Britt were sporadic raids, Campos went through

Wanderers And Club Draw

Cash Sweep Winners At Fanling

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Rugger Results

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter),-Results of rugby matches played to-

16 Welsh XV 26 Army XV Home Counties Rest of England Public Schools 14 Public Schools

Bogey Pool At Sheungshiu

Miss A. A. Sequeira (20) won a Bogey Pool competition at the Dewar and was very smartly taken Country

K. T. Oci, two down, was second.

India v. Ceylon Cricket Match

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (Reuter),-India began a three-day match against Ceylon to-day. Batting first, India made 251, of which C. K. Naidu, the captain, made 29. By close of play Ceylon had gathered three for 96.

At the end of the third day of the Steady Trio

lish players doing most of the attacking, Hendy when in possession
The English team was sound without being brilliant. It was the half

place the ball into the corner of the

lish players doing most of the attacklish players doing mo pentangular cricket tournament at drew from the tournament at the last

Softball Contributes To "Bomber Fund"

Football Club where the Greybeards a softball tilt.

No one knows what the score was owner. in the nightcap in which the lasses battled with the Kowloon Kops, but it was generally agreed that a big time was had. Canuckette Dot Louey was overcome with the large bat which the Kops brought out to the park, but there were no ensualties.

Volunteers XI

The following will represent the Volunteers in an all-day cricket match against the Royal Scots at hand and brought Ride into second Sookunpoo on Sunday, starting at 11 slip. o'clock:

Perry, D. O. Parsons, W. Stoker and outside the off-stump.

to equalise with a hot grounder which to equalise with a hot grounder which Robinson touched but could not stop. The English team kept up an incessant attack, but the good work of the Portuguese defenders kept them at bay, and towards the close of the game Saw's shot was blocked by the defenders. However, Hendy completed his "hat-trick" to give the Englishmen victory when following up B. Gosano's miskick he scored from close in.

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PORTUGAL: V. M. Marques; C. Grose had played a pretty forcing Queen's Park F. Remedios, D. Alves; Maxwell, A. innings. The only chance I saw was liangers V. Gosano, J. J. Pèreira; H. Campos, the drive that hit McLellan in his C. Santos, B. Gosano, J. Gomes, T. tummy.

Splendid Century By J. E. Richardson

(By "R. Abbit")

Batsmen Trounce Bowlers

IN CONTRAST to the foul weather of Christmas Day, Boxing Day gave perfect cricket weather. The drizzle of the previous day caused the pitch to take spin. However, the Club batsmen did not find it too difficult.

and the latter at 17 had the on to his wicket. 140-3-52. misfortune to be yorked by Head when shaping nicely. Ride, however, settled down and the not very strong bowling was talked to severely.

Richardson completed his 50 at the same time. When Ride was at 36 hit him for four 4's in one over-it he should have been caught at deep should have been five 4's, but on the mid-wicket off Alec Pearce. when 106 runs had been added. Ride

Dicky's Century

tred in whether Bichardson would seemed open. get his century before lunch. He that the fur began to fly.

Perry was settling and runs came galore. A few difficult chances were bowled. 206-6-12. put down, and it must be admitted that the bowling was not of very high quality, but both batsmen forced o the game excellently.

3. With 229 on the board, lunch was taken with Richardson 137 3 Perry 28—both not out.

After Tiffin

ON the resumption, runs still came but at 242 Richardson was nicely caught and bowled by Alco Pearce, who took the ball righthanded level with his shoulder-242-3-144

Owen Hughes came in and still Club, Sheungshiu, at backward point (call it gully if yesterday, finishing with a score you will) for a nice innings of two short of his half-century, 270-4-48. Club went on and runs still came, but mostly in singles. The Wanderget no more wickets and Club declar- out and Peal 2 not out. ed at 308 for 4 wickets. Owen-

The Wanderers

THERE seemed a certain doubt about the name of the opposing side, but I was told I might call it the Wanderers.

opened the batting and Knight bowl- have worked, but then it might not ed at the Yard end. Pearce took a I understand that there will be a

To send the 40 up Grose hit couple of beautiful off-drives to the pavilion. It was an expensive overfour fours and two singles. The 50 was hoisted in 22 minutes.

Bowling Change

About \$200 for the Bomber Fund Knight. He nearly had Grose c. & b. was collected yesterday at Kowloon in his first over, but it was red-hot drive and went subdued the Juveniles 17 to 14 in a through his hands to his tummy greatly to the objection of the tummy

At 70, Alec Pearce was dropped by second slip off Dewar-a difficult chance. Both batsmen settled down to play very good cricket.

Just after the 100 went up, Alec Pearce skied one behind second slip and Owen-Hughes just got to it but the sun was in his eyes and he had to turn right round. He took the ball, as far as I could see, on the top of his thumb and failed to hold

He appeared to have domaged his

Just after, Grose, who was play-L. T. Ride, K. J. Attwell, K. M. ing very nicely, completed his 50. Baxter, N. D. Booker, D. Hung, D. His hooking on off-turners was de-McLellan, N. A. E. Mackay, A. E. lightful, and both feet were almost

AT 130 ten was taken and the same was held up for practically 20

cellent catch. 142-2-72.

ENGLAND: Robinson; Roughley, immediately after dropped at mid-Freshwater; Pope, Bright, Britt; Fox, on. The box was doing well. But Burnley Le Page, Hendy, Saw, Bickford. It availed him little. He played stockport

Richardson and Knight opened | on one from Knight and the ball shot

Bowling Change

I DON'T quite understand why Perry was taken off after bowling two overs and getting Grose out and Alec Pearce dropped. Presumably Owen-Hughes' idea was to get a left . The 100 was hoisted in an hour and hander on to the new batsmen.

Knight tired a bit, and Coombes other hand the one through the slips So all went merrily until at 123, should have been taken by first slip. Next over, Swyre let out at a wellwas l.b.w. He had scored a nice 44. pitched one from Owen-Hughes, and was well caught low down at mid-off 182-4-5.

Without addition to the score, AFTER this, interest chiefly cen- Freeman was, bowled. The hutch

Cricket grow dull, except when hit like a kicking horse, and soon Coombes hooked McLellan for four put all doubts at rest. His hundred He shapes like a useful bat, but I do took him only 80 minutes. After not recall having seen him before. Head on-drove Owen-Hughes out of the ground. Later in the same over, he hit right across one and was

Coombes' Fifty

COOMBES, however, went on stoutly and completed his 50, of which ten shots were boundaries. At 125, Dewar was bowled by McLellan. 225-7-1.

Just after, Lloyd relieved Owen-Hughes, and Coombes welcomed him by cracking him to the squareleg boundary and then on-driving him for two. Then he put him behind square leg for another four, and straight drove him for 6. It seems to me that Coombes is a considerable acquision to Hongkons cricket.

Owen Hughes Again

OWEN HUGHES then relieved Mc-Lellan at the Yard end, but his first over was a maiden. Coombes hit Lloyd about pretty freely to send up the 250, and stumps were drawn with

Coombes had played a most excel-Hughes being 31 and Bosanquet 20 lent fighting innings, hitting power-

It was an excellent game with the batsmen-on-top.-There-were-a-lotof catches dropped, and no one was outstanding with the ball. I thought Perry might have been used more, and I am not sure should not have tried Richardson or J. L. C. Pearce and Major Grose Ride on Coombes early on. It might

HONGRONG CRICKET CLUB. T. G. C. Knight, b Head 11
L. T. Ride, l.b.w. b Coombes 46
A. E. Perry, c J. Pearce b Dewar 48
H. Owen-Hughes, not out 31

LLOYD then went on vice Owen-Hughes, while McLellan relieved Kilbee, N. D. Lloyd, G. J. P. Carey did Knight. He nearly had Grose c. & b. Bowling Analysis

> J. Pearce T. Pearce 10 Coombes

C. Pearce, b Owen-Hughes Pearce, b Knight 53 Swyre, c McLellan b Owen Freeman, b Owen-Hughes lead, b Owen-Hughes J. Dowar, b McLellan

W. G. Finnie and Blaire did not bat. Bowling Analysis Knight 8 Owen-Hughes 10 McLellan 10 . 4

Lloyd bowled two no-balls.

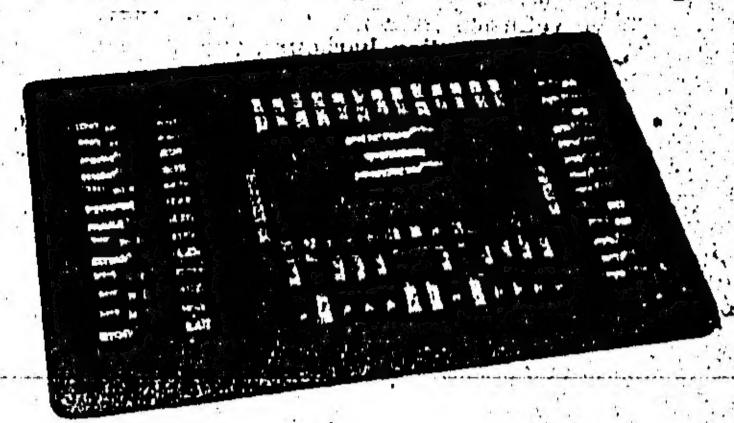
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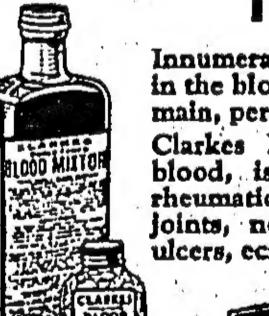
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Miss Tong Mel-li, second daugh ter of Dr Hollington K. Tong, Vice-Minister of Publicity in Chungking, and Mrs Tong, was married to Mr Chen Yih in the United States on Christmas Day, according to a cablegram received by their friends here. The couple will remain in the States

Both bride and bridegroom are graduates of the Missouri School of Journalism, from which the latter line also obtained a Master's degree lins also obtained a Master's degree. The bride holds an M.A. degree in Political Science from Kansas Uni-

The bridegroom's, father is Mr Chen Ching-han, former editor-inchief of the Shun Pao, a well-known Chinese vernacular paper in Shanghal, and at present manager of the Chung Shing Coal Mining Company.

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At Sailors' Home

There was the usual 'Christmas tree from which every man present received a gift. After dinner the party visited merchant seamen in the various hospitals and distributed

Seamen Entertained

About 85 senfaring men from the Royal Navy and Merchant Service, with about 20 Sea Scouts, were entertained by the Sailors' Home to the usual dinner on Christmas Day when Rev. Cyrll Brown, assisted by the Instituto's Manager, Mr W. V. Field,

The Institute's annual Christmas Society for the Protection of Children

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Too Colony are facility in the



WATCH SAVED HIM-During an air raid over England, a piece of shrapnel went in there, but didn't hurt J. A. Smith of Rotherhithe. His watch deflected it. Smaller piece stuck in him, so hot that he dropped it when he pulled it out.

American Sailors In Brawl

Majestic Cabaret. damgaing sections of the cabaret. It furnishings. Americans ridiculed the Italians.

threw him from the ballroom down repercussions are expected. a flight of stairs, causing head in-

It is said that during the brawl an Italian sailor, threw a cabaret girl through a bass drum and an American pushed the sailor's head up and down the plane keyboard.

seven Italians were badly cut by Mr E. Himsworth at Kowloon Magis-flying glass when the marines threw tracy yesterday. at least four Italians through the closed windows. The Italians fell fendant was found on board the ship

Domei declares the brawl is un-return to India, derstood to have started with a violent argument between an Ita-, MEDICAL ASSOCIATION llan sailor and a United States sailor. The two parted but when the American returned, four Italians jumped on him, precipitating the free-for-all. Chairs, tables, bottles, and glasses were thrown during a 20-minute battle which the marine, Italian and shore police were unable to stop and which came to an end only after the appearance of Italian and American officers.

A meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Medical Association will be held at 9.15 p.m. to-day, in the Urban Council Chamber, with Dr. P S. Selwyn-Clarke, President, in the Chair,

Dr. E. W. Kirk will read a paper entitled "Medical Practice in Hong-kong in 1940".

Shanghai, Dec. 25. the Fourth Marines Headquarters, apologised for the incident and Marines and sailors were injured offered to pay all damages.

last night in a battle at the Royal | The Ballroom is reported to have sustained a loss of \$5,000 in unpaid Chairs, bottles and tables flew, chits as well as \$2,000 damage to is understood that the fight developed Reuter declares that nine Ameri-

from a minor argument in which the can marines and three seamen have been sent to hospital. The Italian It stopped when officers arrived after 20 minutes of wild swinging.

The Post and Mercury states that an Italian warrant officer died of injuries. He pulled a gun in an apparent effort to fire it to stop the fighting but an American sailor threw him from the ballroom down.

Indian Stowaway In Court

Italian naval officers denied that Shin A Pan, 34, of Madras, India, the warrant officer had died. 'The only injuries our men suffered were abrasions on the outer part of the hands. Our men are light drinkers steamer and ordered to be expelled and heavy fighters," they declared. However, it is understood that Colony without a valid passport by

against the verandah railing instead after it had left Shanghai. It appeared that the defendant was absolutely The Post and Mercury stated that "broke" and had been formerly em-25 Americans and Italians had been ployed as an elephant trainer in a admitted to hospital.—United Press. circus. Defendant was trying to

Italian and American officers. All members of the British Medical The Evening Post, declares that Association are cordially invited to Italian officers yesterday called on be present.

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Day since the passing of the Bank Holldays Act of 1871.

Poor Visibility
LONDON, Dec. 26 (Router).—Poor visibility may have enforced the Christmas bombing "truce," "Reuter's" air correspondent is informed. It is emphatically denied in London that the absence of British and German raids is the outcome of any official or unofficial understanding.

The following comment was made to-day: "The weather has been bad enough over the Channel. Low cloud and fog have; been the rule since Christmas Eve. Added to this, the nights have been particularly black and there is no moon. It would be idle to suggest that Christmas has not influenced those in command of operations at all, but if the weather had been good, I think we should have seen the usual activity."

There is a doubt that the personnel

of both the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe have welcomed the rest and it has been a factor of no small psychological importance that bombing crews have been able to forget their war work for a time and enjoy to the full the season of peace.

Nazi Eyes Turning **Towards Turkey**

-> FROM PAGE ONE

Turkey and remain aloof from any direct conflict.

The German garrisons in Rumania are estimated to range between ten and thirty divisions but it is admitted that this is purely guess work. Many trains are crossing the country carrying mechanized equipment, artillery and accessories so it is probably material for a score or more divisions which are already on the ground. Has Much To Gain .

Action against Greece would be very difficult at this season of the It is pointed out that Germany has faltering partner. From there, the Iraq oil fields are only a few hours bombing-time awny, Mosul and Baku, would also be threatened.

There is some speculation that German action against Syria is made necessary by Italian weakness. Action there would necessitate bases on the Aegean Sea and the start would have to be made early because the torrid summer begins carly and operations after May would be very difficult.

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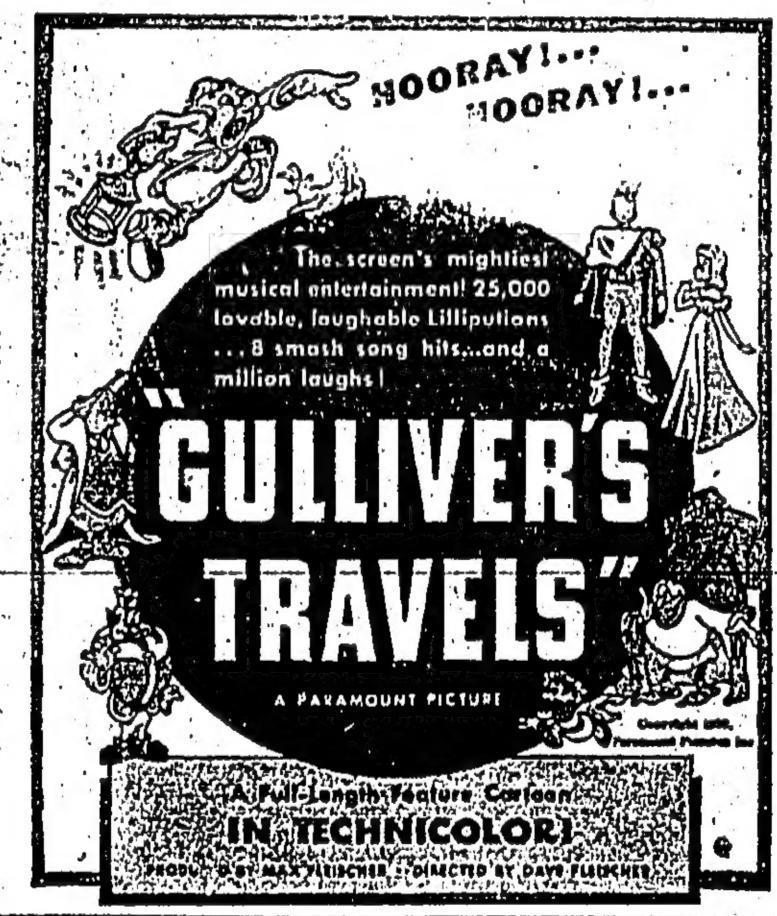
NOT NEEDED-With continued raids over England by Naxis, historic lamp posts are removed from the vicinity of Wostminster Hall, London. They're not needed during blackouts. Big Bon is at right.

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year; therefore, the springtime theory is favoured among observers here. TO-DAY - TO-MORROW - SUNDAY - MONDAY MAX FLEISHER OUT-DISNEY'S

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If the evacuation plans had been put into operation grave dislocation of the machinery of the courts would have been

caused. Most barristers are relieved at the decision to stay in London. They have their chambers in easy reach of the Law Courts, and a move would cause them great inconveni-

Banks to Keep Open

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opened to the public. Vital Records

In explaining these arrangements international Settlement and its Christmas season. He expressed the Mr Charles Didbury, chief general vicinity, there were only two Japanese hope that they would be more happy manager of the Westminster Bank, members on the Council. The Brilish in the year to come. emphasised that to safeguard vital and five members although there only current records, it will remain neces- 7,000 British residents, so that the The King urged people to do their slowly, I took my wireless lead sary for a large proportion of the British were able to monopolise the best to help the fighting services win which was still attached and tied it time of the raid, and when he returnstaffs to take these records to a place Settlement's administration. He said the war. In the New Year it would light round my leg to staunch the ed found the station in a shambles. of safety when the alert is sounded. the Japanese were not satisfied with be the task of all Britons throughout flow of blood. there are no underground strong administration. rooms, and on occasions the branches | Mr Hayashi stressed that the de- tion of the war. will be temporarily closed during mand for larger Japanese repre- In the United States there were tache too.

Be Stifled

M.P.'s Declaration

Capt. A. M. Lyons, K.C., M.P.

Parliament, freedom of thought and employees, thus being able to create confront us still, but we take courexpression, a ready, incorruptible ad-several thousands of votes just before lage and comfort from the successes ministration of justice, formed the the elections.-United Press. foundation on which British liberty so firmly stood.

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EVACUATION MEETING

evening at 6 p.m. in the Rose Room Ambassador to Moscow. of the Peninsula Hotel, at which the | The party had many adventures on situation as it exists will be explain- their journey through Norway to the

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Friday,

NOTICE

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB

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SHANGHAI DISPUTE

Japanese Dissatisfied With Council

- Shanghai, Dec. 26. Rulepayers' Association, Mr Yukichi versity. He spoke of a word of com- and kicked myself out of the Hayashi, made a long statement to- fort to members of families separated machine. I had been hit in the leg however, where offices cannot be day demanding greater Japanese re- by the war, the many sons taken and fainted almost immediately. presentation on the Municipal Coun- from their homes, the many children cil. He pointed out that although separated from parents and friends there were 80,000 Japanese in the who would be lonely during the At many small branches, however, the unfair state of the Settlement's the Empire to continue their co-

sentation was natural in view of the many staunch friends and organisathat without Japaness co-operation fored. "I wish all a merry Christ- peared. the smooth execution of the Settle- inns and a happy New Year."ment's administration could not be Reuter. hoped for, Moreover, the Settle-

ed the Japanese campaign against Chungking. for East Leicester, said at Lei- Mr Hayashi recalled that the In his Christmas Day broadcast cester recently that he would failure of the Japanese to secure more this evening. His Majesty King oppose any attempt to stifle the seats in April was due to defects in George told the Empire: "We may oppose any attempt to stine the the election regulations by which look forward to the new year with free British Press from whatever British firms divided and registered sober confidence. We have surmounsource the attempt might come. the land, offices and buildings under ted a grave crisis. We do not under-A free Press, a free and constant their control in the names of their rate the dangers and difficulties which

ment's administration directly affect-

Cripps's Nephew Back From Internment

Among officers and men of the Leicestershire Regiment who have just arrived in England from the Swedish internment camp at Fallum The Evacuation Representation is Captain M. A. H. Crippe, nephew Committee is holding a meeting this of Sir Stafford Cripps, British

There will also be a discussion Swedish border and lived for days on to what future action should be flour and water, often sleeping in the open in snow five feet deep.

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Pilot Survives King's Address To Empire

Praises Courage Of

British Peoples

fronting Britain would be overcome

would be made a better place in

which to live when peace was re-

stored, declared the King in a Christ-

Grave Crisis Surmounted

land, in the air and on the sea. The

luture will be hard, but our feet are

planted on the path of victory and

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world where the teachings of the

bring this tragic war to a successful

conclusion. Our admiration for the

Circus King

Dies

Mr Edward H. Bostock, eighty-one-

When he was seventy-one Mr

Bostock married, Mrs. Jean Frame

.Flint, daughter-in-law of the Scottish

been friends for thirty years,

comedian W F. Frame. They had

Glasgow nursing home.

visited them at Whipsnade.

has not been heeded.

-United Press.

New York, Dec. 25.

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London, Dec. 25.

pire yesterday.

London, Dec. 26.

a parachute escape from a Spitsire was told by a Sergeant pilot who was a member of one of the first flights to have shot down 100 aircraft operating from one station.

mas broadcast to the nation and Emfront line." He praised the courage 109 about 1,000 feet below me. he had seen demonstrated by people | "Immediately my Spitfire went into

on every side and the "splendid good a steep dive. Flames appeared all The President of the Japanese fellowship" they were showing in ad- round, so I threw the hood back

cord. Then when coming down

was on fire, so I beat out the flames the bodies of Mr and Mrs Meyerholt operation in the successful prosecuwith my hands. I singed my mous- and his injured wife. Half of the

Sino-Japanese conflict. The progress- tions giving assistance to Britain, His "A Spitfire from another squadron | Eight bombs had fallen in the ing Japanese interests in Shanghai Majesty said. The world will be a came round me and gave me pro- compound. Press Must Not ing Japanese interests in Snangiar Majesty said. The world will be a came round me and gave me pro-compound.

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that I was going to hit telegraph to the ill-health of Mrs, Meyerholt a wires or high tension cables, but few years ago and returned to the Delhi missed them both and landed in an Colony last year and went to the

miles from my home in Kent and ed at Kuelchung about 20 years ago. when my parents came to see me in hospital the following day, they told me that they had watched me coming down although at the time not knowing who I was.

of our fighting men and our Allies which were won at heavy odds on land, in the air and on the sea. The DOG'S VIGIL

our way to justice and peace."dog, died in the grounds of St. The Duke of Windsor, speaking George Hospital. over the radio from Nassau, hailed

the peace of the new world and the hospital in 1927, victim of a mo- playwright, in May. not too far distant and that Britain The hospital authorities have for-

will not again became entangled in gotten his name. But Bluey did not the strifes and quarrels of the old forget his master. Ever since his master's death he Church and the message of Christmas and waited at the hospital for him.

The dog slept under the "We in this colony are engaged in patients' department, where his mastime we are confident in the strength | Regularly, he would go to the entheir endurance and tenacity will then walk dejectedly prony.

"One-Man Dog" "Bluey was essentially a one-man for some time. gallantry of the fighting forces knows dog," the president of the R.S.P.C.A. Both bride and bridegroom are land by parachute or 'plane. no grounds, but our special sympathy (Mr M. A. Traill) said.

teered by the public to honour versity. Bluey.

a stout spirit. Before he died he year-old circus king, has died in a was practically blind and deaf."

Bostock and Wombwell's menageric, which had been on the road for 126 years, was sold to the Zoo ten years ago. Mr. Bostock had worked among the animals for sixty years, and often



Missionary

were killed, and the wife of the Chi- | Reserve Liability of Proprietors 13,000,000 "I come to pretty soon afterwards legs broken when Japanese planes and found that I was falling fast, bombed the Swiss mission station at I was very comfortable but at 14,000 Kucichung, eight miles from Shayufeet or so I pulled the parachute rip chung, in the Mirs Bay district, at 1 p.m. on Monday.

Mr Yee was out preaching at the "Then I realised that my tunic been destroyed, and in them he found mission chapel had also been de- Amritsar molished.

had-been-in China for many years, Kueichung station in September last.

Film Stars Cleared

A representative of Mr. Martin Dies, chairman of the committee investigating un-American activities, has cleared the film stars, Franchot Tone, Francis Lederer, and Luise Rainer of accusations of Communist sympathy.

Francis Lederer, a native of master ended recently in Sydney, Czecho-Slovakia, was widely, reportwhen Bluey, 15-year-old cattle ed on his way to fight for his country when Munich was signed. Luise Rainer was born in Vienna. She was granted a divorce from Clifford Bluey's master, a driver, died in Odets, the well-known American

Married In America On Xmas Day

Miss Tong Mci-li, second daughter of Dr Hollington K. Tong, Vice-Minister of Publicity in Chungking, and Mrs Tong, was married to Mr Chen Yih in the United States on top speed to any point indicated. and character of our race and that trance of the building, peer in, and Christmas Day, according to a cablegram received by their friends here. event, for instance, of attempted in-The couple will remain in the States vasion, they will rour into action to

graduates of the Missouri School of goes out to all who have become The Medical Superintendent of St Journalism, from which the latter innocent victims of modern warfare." George Hospital (Dr Geoffrey Fen-, has also obtained a Master's degree. ton) said: "A hospital bed was The bride holds an M.A. degree in too much, then the mobile units will bought last year with money volun- Political Science from Kansas Uni- take the direct route over moor and

Two brass plaques bearing his Chen Ching-han, former editor-in- fields, muddy lanes, mountain tracks, name have been placed in a ward chief of the Shun Pao, a well-known and steep hills. of the hospital, and on a kennel at Chinese vernacular paper in Shang- At a recent test in rough country the King Edward Dogs' Home, Moore hal, and at present manager of the in the Western Command, the riders Chung Shing Coal Mining Company.

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Protective Plane

"I thought, as I was coming down, They returned to Switzerland owing

"My aircraft crashed about three The mission station was establish-

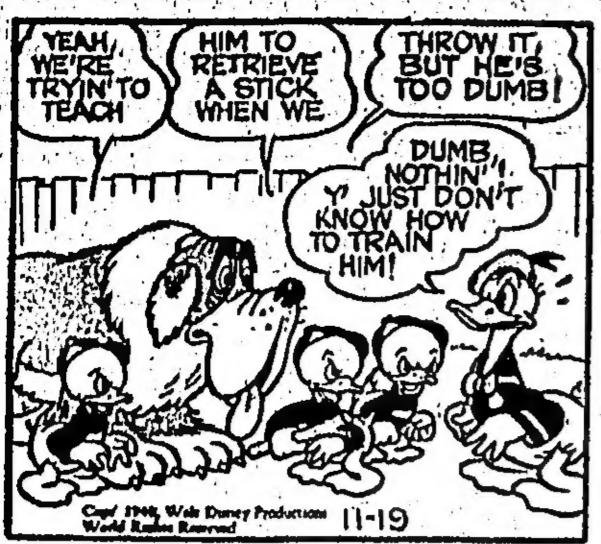
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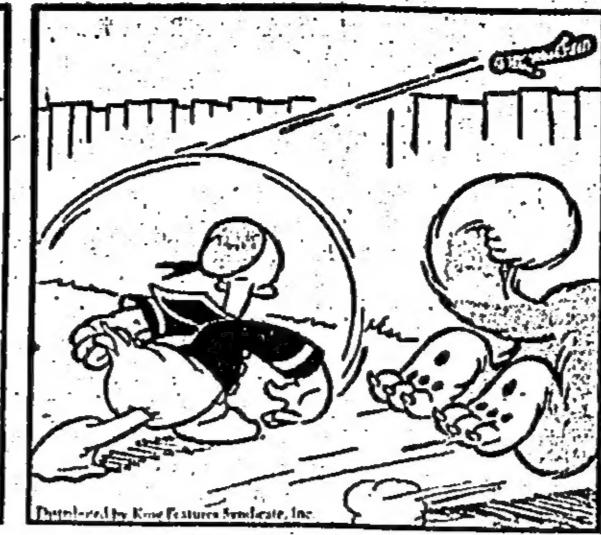
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AGAZIINE



Simply but vividly, a British fighter pilot describes what lies a. behind the official phrase, "But

OUR squadron of fighters they were too accurate. was flying east when three enemy aircraft were seen flying west, in the clouds overhead. I told our leader that Lwould_climb_with_my_flightabove the clouds and investi-

the pilot is safe."

As I did this, twelve Messerschmitt 109 fighters emerged. Still climbing, I made for the. sun, turned, and gave the order for my flight to break up and attack.

In a moment, our battle began—our six Hurricanes against the enemy's twelve.

The eighteen aircraft chased round and round, in and out of the cloud. I chose my first opponent. He seemed to be dreaming and I quickly got on to his tail and gave him a short burst which damaged

I flew in closer and gave him a second dose. It was enough. He dived, out of control: 1 followed him down to 6,000 feet. There I circled for a minute or two and watched him dive vertically into the

calm sea. opened my hood for a breath of fresh air and looked about the sky. There was no sign of either the enemy or my own flight. I was alone.

CLIMBED back into the cloud, which was thin and mistry. Three Messerschmitts, flying in line astern, crossed in front of me-so close that I could see the black crosses on their wings and fuselage.

I opened fire on number three in the formation. We went round and round in decreasing circles as I fired.

I was lucky again. Pieces of his wings flew off. Black smoke came from his plane. He dived, and I fired one

more burst at him, directly from astern. We were doing a phenomenal speed—then my ammunition gave out, just as the other two Messerschmitts attacked me.

I twisted and turned, but

could hear the thud of their

bullets. Pieces of my aircraft seemed to be flying off in all directions: my engine was damag-

Then came a cold stinging in my left foot. One of the

Jerry bullets had found its was about to dive to the sea

and make my escape, low down, when the control cloumn became useless in my hand. Black smoke poured into the cockpit and I could not see.

I knew that the time had come for me to depart. Everything after this was perfeetly calm. I was at about 10,000

feet, but some miles out to sea. I lifted my seat, undld my strap and opened the hood. The wind became my ally. A hand-actually the slip-stream catching under my helmet-seemed

to lift me out of the cockpit. It was a pleasant sensation. was in-mid-air-floating down so peacefully in the cool breeze that I had to remind myself to pull my ripcord and open my parachute. When the first jerk was over I swung like a pendulum. This was not so pleasant, but I soon settled down, and I was able to enjoy a

beach, some miles away, with soldlers—the long lines of villas. THERE was no sensation of speed L but the ripples on the water became bigger, the soldiers on the

full view of the world below-the

beach came nearer. I had one minute of anxiety. As I floated down one of the Messerschmitts appeared. The pilot cir-cled round me, and I was just a little alarmed. Would he shoot? Well-he didn't. He behaved plop. quite well. He opened his hood, waved to me and then dived towards the sea and made off towards from Leicester. "I ain't frit o'

The wind was still friendly. It was carrying me in towards the ed myself free of a house with my beach. I took out my eigarettes and lit one with my lighter with-.. out any difficulty,

Ages seemed to pass. I threw away the elgarette as I came nearer and nearer to the coast. I could hear the raiders passed sirensand, passing over the houses on the sca-front, I could see the people looking up at me.

I had descended to about 1,000 feet. I began to sway a little and I could hear my parachute flapping.
For the first time since the enemy pilot circled around me I became anxious,

Well, the journey ended in a cucumber frame-after I had push-

Has Begun

WOPE'S Great Famine, forecast for this winter, m has already begun. The Nazi Press is boasting of it openly.

"The standard of living of the Dutch people," says the Deutsche Volkswirt, "must be lowered if the conquered country is to supply Germany with food."

"The food supplies in the Danish storehouses have been exported to Germany," says the Vocikischer Beobachter.

placed at the service of the German people," says the Frankfurter Zci-

" In occupied France," says the Nazicontrolled Radio Luxemburg, "the harvest is being supervised by German organisations." "All agricultural produce and all foodstuffs are being regulationed," says

the German official news agency. The Nazis boast that food in Germany is now pientiful. Rations are being increased in the Reich-and correspondingly reduced in the conquered countries. Steadily and systematically the work

of plunder is going on. The Germans are to be fed. If that means that Dutch and Belgians and French, Danes and Norwegians and Poles, starve—why should Germany worry? " Woe to the conquered! "

HUN'S HAND

The purpose of those aweeping invasions was double. Partly it was strategic. Partly it was sheer plunder. It has given the Reich, as Hitler himself boasted in the Reichstag, "control ... of 70.000,000 people who can be nctive in the economic scheme."

The plan is being carried out ruthlessly. The conquered countries are being told that they must reorganise their whole economic life for the benefit of the conquerors

France is warned that she is "over industrialised"; that she must shut down her industries, set her workers to grow more food-for German consump-

Holland is told that she must change her whole system of cattle farming. "The meat from the slaughter of cattle which becomes necessary," adds the Nazi Commissar-General, "will be taken over by the Reich."

Pood for Germany, Privation, or even starvation for the Dutch. They must slaughter their cattle-and Germans will eat the meat As it is with Holland, so it is with hapless Denmark,

And now I come to a pleasant

recollection-in spite of my injur-

The people in that senside town were wonderful. A woman ap-

peared with a cup of ten-in one

I drank the whisky and soda

I remember one amusing incident

as I was lifted into the ambulance.

"Good luck, sir. When I grow up

I'm going to be an airman, too."

second. Then a policeman with a

whisky and soda,

ed foot and my painful landing.

barrage is up.

patterns.

W. N. EWER

Again hear the Nazis boasting of what they are doing to the Danes. "Denmark is sending us 45,000 barrels of butter a week-more than she used to send to England," cries the

Saarbrucken radio, "Deliveries of eggs and butter and livestock from Denmark are exceptionally big. Indeed; there are too many "All Dutch supplies will be pigs being sent," says the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung.

"Ten thousand head of Denmark's breeding cattle are to be sent to Germany," says the Transocean Agency.

FOR GERMANY

Food for Germany. Food for the Germans. Increased rations to keep the German people from grumbling, from asking what they are gaining from these military victories. Food to tide them over the coming

winter. . . After that, it may get difficult. You cannot slaughter eattle twice. Food-for the time being-for Germany. What of Denmark? A third of her livestock has already

gone to Germany, according to American reports to President Roosevelt. Half her pigs and poultry are to be slaughtered. There is a deficiency already of one-third in normal breadstuffs and fodder grain. The agricultural situation, says

another reliable report, "is becoming With cruel insolence, the German propaganda pretends to the world that

Denmark is being benefitted. Her export trade is increasing. In that not splendid for her? It might be if these big compulsory exports to the Reich were being paid

for. But, for the most part, they are not paid for except in paper, This is not export trade. It is just plunder. How is it done? Something, of course, the Reich sends

in exchange to Denmark. It must send coal and oil, or the whole machinery would break down, and there would be no plunder. It sends, in goods, the minimum necessary to keep the wheels turning for German profit.

PROMISE PAPER

But the greater part of the loot is either not paid for at all, or the Danes are made to pay for it themselves.

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE:

Another instalment from the no shrapnool, Gah, yow Jerries! you didn't notice it. Cup o'

diary of a journalist who en Just let me get one smack at char 'ere; cup o' char there. listed in the Guards.

Yow!"

But now, blimey, you notice the

THE sky twinkles like a I look for a more comfortable taste of a nice cup o' char. I spangled skirt in a sport bit of mud to lean against. Old could do with one now."

light. It is ack-ack fire. The Silence says: "It's funny."

"Ah," says the Man from

The guns sound like blankets "The way you get accustomed "When I first come," says the

being vigorously shaken. All to things. Three months ago Bedfordshire Boy, "I took one

THE LITTLE THINGS

"What's funny?"

Before the invasion, Denmark was in debt to Germany. That has been wiped out, and a big German debt to Denmark (which Germany has not the least intention of paying) has taken its pince.

For the rest, payment has been made in German promissory notes. Already there are many million pounds' worth of this useless paper in Denmark. And now the unhappy Danish Govern-

ment has been ordered, in effect, to make the Danish people pay them off. The Danish Government is to issue a special credit in Danish krone to cover these Reichscreditkassescheine, The result of that (never mind the technicalities of it for the moment) is going to be a serious inflation of the Danish

Prices will rise. The unhappy Dano will pay more for everything. And the extra amount he pays will in fact be payment for all that the Germans have stolen.

It is a device typical of Dr. Schneht, Hitler's financial schemer. Estimates are not easy. But from all the evidence to be had there is good reason to believe that the German loot out of Denmark in three months must tot up in value to something like £20,000,000.

That is from Denmark alone. The same thing is being done in all the other countries that the Nazi army has conquered.

For a time the plunderers are going to do pretty well out of their conquests. But only for a time. Plundered lands soon cease to yield. Germany may tide herself over the coming winter this way;

but hardly much longer. Hitler is pinning his hopes on getting peace this year. Germany is going to live on her conquests, But what of the people the Nazis are robbing? For them the

outlook is famine or something desperately close to it. .The Germans know that; but they do not care. Indeed, they

are trying to profit by the very misery of their victims. They are trying to persuade America that this misery will be

the result of the British blockade, They are trying to induce American philanthropy to send food for hungry Belgians-more food that can be stolen and fed to Germans.

There will be hunger all over occupied Europe this coming winter and spring. There will be starvation in some

It will be because the German armies and the Nazi Commissars have stolen the food of the people they have overrun.

But now, blimey, you notice the

Yorkshire. "And take beds."

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bad words.

in the train when a warning extra couple of straws in it, it went. The blinds were pulled was too soft!" "It only goes to show," snys the Man from Yorkshire.

"Ten miles on, the All Clear . Silence, except for the guns. sounded, and the blinds went "Sell me half of your bar o' up. I nover saw so much de-chocolate," says the Bedfordlight taken in a little bit of shire Boy.

ordinary daylight and a few "No, but I'll give 'ee a bit," breaths of not very fresh air." says the Man from Yorkshire.

"Why, back in Civvy Street, you This is the usual procedure drunk so much ten you got so with chocolate.

round us searching lights shoot most of us would have yelled look at my bed and said, Hell. up, bounce off clouds, and swing blue murder if we were asked Three boards, and a donkey's to and fro, making strange to sit on a wet chair. Now, look breakfast. But now! Well, the at us-sitting in puddles, and other day I got a different matglad of the chance . . . " tress. I swiped yours, Charlie."

Something goes past; then "It makes you realise the im- "Why, you -," says the Lad [portance of everyday things," I from the Elephant; and uses "Shrapnel," says the man say.

Old Silence replies: "You're when I came to lie down on it right. Take things like air and I couldn't sleep. There was an

went. The blinds were pulled

"Take tea," said the Lad "No, no, that's all right."

A little boy of seven came over from the Elephant and Castle. "Go on, tek it, lad, tek it."

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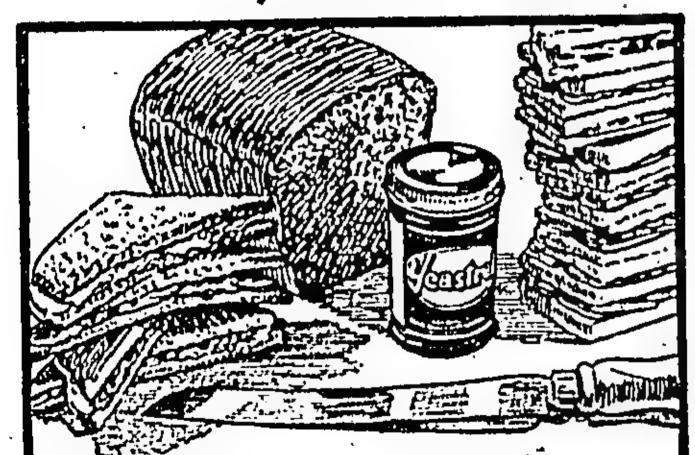
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BRITAIN AND THE U.S.

The increasing warmth of Anglo-American relations is one ; of the most satisfactory features entire eastern half of the attendant upon the war in Mediterranean.

weight of prejudice against him enemy. was so heavy that it will not all be dissipated for some years. One American lecturer remarked that it is still necessary for him to point out that the Englishman is a complete ass before he gains ! sufficiently to lead on to the use "stooges" for their own purposes in fighting Hitler! By such devious means the inherent distrust of Americans for the English must be overcome even to-day when most of the two peoples realise that our common happiness can only be gained by a common anti-authoritarian front.

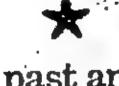
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tions on Italy, engineered the, in European constant and the

Major Alexander P. De Seversky

says

In the following article, specially written for the United Press, the noted acroplane designer and recent recipient of the Harmon Trophy as outstanding airman of 1939, discusses the importance of air power in connection with the fight between the British and the Axis nations for domination of the Eastern Mediterrancan, now centred in the battles in Greece and in the Western Desert.



the Mediterranean area revolved around Gibraltar, Malta, Haifa and Alexandria. But air power once again, in the unfolding campaign of this crucial area, will recast the old and accepted strategic maps of the world.

in the past. Yet to-day that region. great struggle for Mediter dangerous for the British fleet. bringing their superior air voy his bombers effectively ranean mastery. That is the sense in which Crete strength to the shores of the Hitler must therefore make up has become the strategic key North Sea.

The difference by contributing the compaign are the mediterranean under the Mediterranean the enough Messerschmitts and of the campaign are shap-modern conditions of air power, In the Mediterranean, the enough Messerschmitts and island, viewed to -day of sea power. through the glasses of ain THE power, becomes the logical commanding centre of the

Therefore, the ability of has profited from the experience across the Mediterranean. certain, whereas before the odds, hold the island of Crete is must prevent establishment of air force into play against were quite heavily against us. thus emerging as the critical Greece for Axis operations. A talk with well informed question in the Mediterra-More important, it has learned AXIS AIR POWER and establish new aerodromes. Americans recently, elicited the nean enigma. Having oc-the crucial lesson that it cannot fact, which characteristically cupied the island, the rely on its flect air arm (the Italian aviation could not val of more than a month never fails to surprise the problem of the British now carrier-based aviation) against manage this alone. We may between the occupation of

ITALY'S GREAT MISTAKE

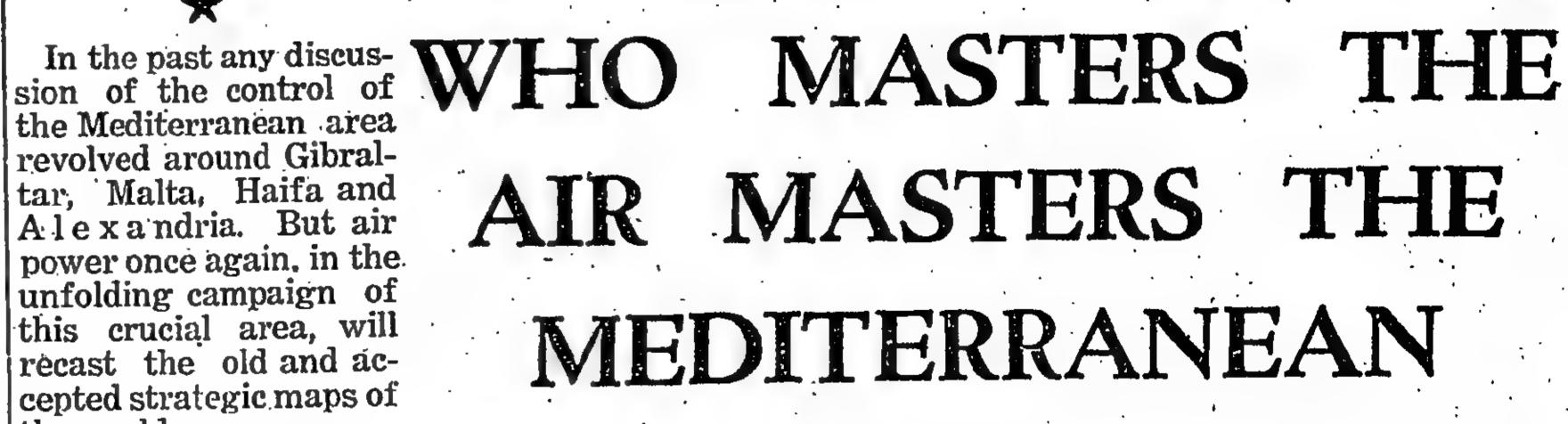
The occupation of Crete gives the British distinct immediate advantages. The success which the sympathy of his audience the British and Greek forces have scored against Italy to date America can make of these, prompt observers to label the | Italian undertaking a "great mis-

The fact, of course, is that Italy was led to act in Greece. just as Germany had to act in Norway, by the logic of their larger plans.

Both enterprises were necessary "next steps" in the attempt by the Axis to meet British sea supremacy with the The history books on both only counter-weapon they possides of the Atlantic have been sess, namely their air power. the most potent sources of In Scandinavia their task was to

they blatantly misled school- attack on the new Soviet, split children as to the course of his- | the Irish and so on. The only tory and played up their national! anti-British propaganda that can triumphs to the derogation of have much force just now is that other countries. To that vast of the Axis minorities and the bulk of people who never learnt | Dies Committee has done much

books undoubtedly raised a fog voice of the working man speak of confusion and lies which to his opposite number across the oceans and let them with un-In America there are more cultivated tongues, speaking Europoli minorities than in any from the forge and factory other country and most of them I where they work long hours uncan recall through their mother | complainingly to arm democracy. countries many reasons for dis- against the Axis, tell each other liking Britain. It was Britain Anglo-American friendship will who thwarted Dutch dreams | be of sterner stuff in future. of Empire, smashed Kaiser That relationship must be part Wilhelm's aspirations, put sanc- of Mr. Churchill's "new order"



instance, was made of Crete Greece it is to encircle the Suez determined to deny the British but they are extremely vulner-

NORWAY

that the British high command harassment of the supply lines operations, German aviation, as Englishman, that he personally is to hold it against the air land-based enemy aircraft. Un- take it for granted that Norwegian coastal points by the was in very bad odour with his offensive that is unquestion—less Britain can meet the com- Mussolini is merely clearing the Maria is and their expulsion by was in very bad odour with his offensive that is unquestion-less Britain can meet the com- massoling is the collaboration of Nazi air attack.

American country for the collaboration of Nazi air attack. American cousin. In fact the ably being prepared by the threat with its own air power, German aviation. The Italian Another such time interval is

'tire as it did in the North Sea.

Barring None

Little mention, for encircle the British Isles, and in Last April the Germans had and impressive striking power, the use of Scandinavian waters, able to pursuit attacks because island, to the southeast of Axis control of Crete as an and lacking the necessary sea they lack defensive armament. Greece, seems destined to be aviation stronghold would make power, the Germans could cope Even more important, Mussolini the pivotal point in the the Eastern Mediterranean too with the situation only, by lacks the pursuit fighters to con-

ing up. One look at the just as the strategic naval Italians have been contronted map discloses how Crete, bases were keys to their with a parpallel problem. The a well-balanced air weapon. heretofore an inconspicuous particular areas under conditions superior British fleet was free to move in neutral but friendly ception, most of the equipment Greek waters. This interfered of German air power is unable seriously with Italy's life lines to carry on except at fairly close to Lybia and to the Dodecanese range. It is by no means a self-

this friendship means of course, the British, with the support of the Norwegian reverses. It therefore became essential, at line of operating bases quite close that our eventual victory is of local Greek forces, to knows that to control Crete it almost any price, to bring Axis to its targets.

Marchetti-have a long reach tion can go after Crete.

By Burck

But contrary to popular con-Islands. The Fascist overland sufficient air arm, having been campaign against Egypt was built for co-ordinated action We must assume, however, bogging down because of British with land forces. To extend its

> The result is that German aviation can advance only as fast as it can move its supplies

it will be merely a question of hombers—such as the Piaggio, just as unavoidable before the time before the fleet must re- the Caproni and the Savoia- combined German-Itahan avia-

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIONS

In both cases costly land operations would have been unnecessary if the Axis had. possessed genuine air power, with the range and striking force (bomb loads) entirely possible at the present stage of aeronautic science. We must see to it that the implications of this are fully understood and taken into consideration by those responsible for the planning of our own American air defence. They must realize that there is a big difference between genuine self-dependent air power and an air force conceived primarily as an adjunct of some other arm. This difference is growing even bigger with the rapid progress of aeronautics.

Overwhelming British naval superiority in the Mediterranean will be as irrelevant as it proved to be in the Norwegian campaign. The air factor will tell the story.

Much will depend, obviously, on the measure in which Churchchill can divert air force from the battle of Britain to reinforce the Mediterranean positions. In that sense the battle of Britain complements the Greek camonlyn.. That is the chief reason. in fact, why Hitler must keep up. his attack on the British Isles. (Copyright 1940, by United

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Japanese Freighter's Exchange At Adventurous Voyage

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domei).—Ten months after it left Yokohama for Marseilles, the 7,149-ton war-scarred N.Y.K. freighter Nagara Maru returned here after experiencing two air raids while in French and Italian harbours, and undergoing delays of 65 days in Genoa and 78 days in Colombo.

The Nagara Maru left Marseilles on June 2 when the Luftwaste raided that port, she proceeded to Algiers, then to Naples and Genoa. The vessel, retraced her course to Naples when Genoa was attacked by British aircraft. Arriving at Colombo at 11.49 pm., the ship was detained by British authorities for 78

SPANISH

FEELING

Xmas Truce Peace

Symptom

MADRID, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The

Formerly a rather flery newspaper,

the "Arriba," official organ of the

State Party, to-day has a leader ex-

pressing great satisfaction at the

virtual Christmas "truce," the fact

that on Christmas Day there was no

air activity over either Germany or

Consistent Status

Japan

Indo-China Exploitation

BPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

The exploitation of the mines is

Japanese Envoy

Talks of His "Mission"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

conclusion of a basic treaty between

To Nanking:

expected to start immediately.

tons annually.

phate for use as a fertiliser.

ready, echo in Spain.

The freighter sailed from Colombo on December 2, permitting the crew consisting of 59 members, headed by Captain Masao Takada, to obtain the first glimpse, of their fatherland since March 27.

Recounting his experiences at Marsellies, Captain Takada said that the Luftwaffe enried out five raids against the harbour on June 1 and 2. The Nagara Maru's bridge and woodwork were damaged by the splinters of a bomb which fell about 60 or 70) metres away, upon which the Pope's appeal for peace has found a freighter left there without the aid of a pilot or a towing tug.

Captain Takada expressed his admiration for the "bold and accurate" bombing of the Germans whose aircraft were "almost inaudible."

EGYPT'S VIGILANT DEFENCES

The Chamber of Deputies, after conflict, continues unwaveringly in A quantity of alcohol and oil aboard her position." foreign policy.

The Prime Minister, Sirry came non-belligerent. Pasha, winding up the debate, declared that danger to Egypt was remote after the British Phosphate For victory but that Egypt was continuing its defence preparations.

Sirry Pasha said that the Government's policy was based on fulfilment of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty and defence of the country. Egypt was

loyally carrying out the Treaty. The debate revealed general agreement with the speech from the Throne at the opening session of soon fully exploit the Laokay phos-Prime Minister) collapsed and died.

Diet Meeting Plans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" Glichi Masuda has been named railroad by the Chinese the incomt 24. Chairman of the Budget Committee has been insufficient for its upkeep. of the House of Representatives, while Mr Shigeu Nishimura has been negotiate its transfer. named Chairman of the Accounts Committee, Messrs, Tomomasa Kato, Sanctaro Okamoto, and Gunji Matsui the Appeals, Disciplinary and Propo- Will 51 altional Committees, respectively. At to-morrow's general meeting of the Diet, Mr Magoichi Tawara will move a resolution thanking the Army and Navy, while Mr Kiroku Otuchi will present the resolution condoling over the war dead.

Latest Donations To War Fund

A total of \$1.516.760.01 was reach- work in the adjustment of relations cession, ed yesterday by the War Fund in- between Japan and China had all 12.28 augurated by the S. C. M. Post Ltd, ready been done with the successful ("Coror with the following donations: Anonymous 25 his mission entailed bringing about

PLOWER DAY PROCEEDS on Druember 21 by the Hongkong Chinese, The 66-year-old Ambassador Relief Association realised the net sum emphasised that he would discharge of \$3800, which has been distributed as his duties in the letter and spirit of

British War Organisation Fund ... \$750 the Nanking-Tokyo Treaty, though British Fund for Relief of Distress he was not personally acquainted Lady Pollock's Food Kitchens 300 ernment at Nanking. "I shall do my Home for the 'Aged (Sisters of the

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HARASSING TACTICS

England having already been given prominence in Christmas newspapers. The "Arriba" expresses the hope station, on the Kiaotsi Railway about that this may be a symptom of the 21 miles west of Weihsien, on Decempossibility of peace and says: "Spain ber 23. A number of Japanese were to-day as when General Franco on killed and wounded, and the locomo-CAIRO, Dec. 26 (Reuter).— the first day of a war, examined the live and four coaches were wrecked.

three days of secret debate. As a matter of fact in the speech | Another Japanese train was blown passed by 122 to 68, a vote of referred to by "Arriba," General up by a Chinese mine on the confidence in the Government's Franco ordered Spaniards to observe Changtien-Poshan loop line on the the strictest neutrality but, following same day, resulting in scores of North Kiangsu

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (Central News).—A Japanese contingent pushing costward from Hsuchow in north Anhwei last weck, setting the Japanese supply depots and shops seiting Japanese goods on fire.

Over 100 Japanese were killed and

HANOI, Dec. 25 (UP).-It is re- Tsinshui-Yangcheng highway in liably learned that the Japanese will south Shansi has been completely severed as a result of the Chinese Parliament when Sabry Pashn (then phate mines. A high Japanese off- destruction of the road, bridges, and cial who recently returned from an telephone and telegraph wires. Three inspection of the mines declared that bridges and a section of the highway the Japanese will extract 500,000 east of Yangeheng were also destroy-

Interception Near Swatow Japan is badly in need of phos-KWEILIN, Dec. 26 (Central News) -Japanese troops in seven lorries The light rallroad is probably un- and eight tanks protecting a gang of able to carry the amount of phos- workers building a new highway in phute expected to be mined but boat Tenghai, 12 miles north-east of transportation on the Red River is Swatow, were intercepted and at-TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domei) .- Mr possible. Since the cutting of the tacked by the Chinese on December

ZBW, 355 metres (845 k.c.) and 31.49 metres (9,520 kito-cycles)

Relay . Of "Under The Crooked Cross"

Radio Programme Broadcast by SHANGHAI, Dec. 26 (UP).-The ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c's., newly appointed Japanese Ambassa- and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. dor to Nanking, Mr Kumataro Honda, and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c's, per hrrived this afternoon on route to his second.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

bons & Orchestras. .

2.15 Close down, 5.45 Indian Programme.

6.33 Dance Music. 7.0 London Relay-The News, lutmost to discharge my dutles to the 7.15 London Relay-Questions of the Hour." 7.31 Latest Variety.

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St Louis Industrial School
Society for the Protection of Children 300 down in Nanking I may tour North Bt John Ambulance 200 China and may return to Tokyo for Society of St Vincent de Paul 200 a visit and to report on conditions tion 200 and my impressions in China,"

China Observes Yunnan Uprising

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26, (Central News).—Chinese yesterday marked the 25th anniversary of the Yunnan Uprising, which was led by Generals Tsai Ao and Tang Chi-yao in 1915 to overthrow Yuan Shih-kai's monarchy.

officials and military leaders held people's morale. The occasion was also observed in Government Headquarters in Kunming, Kweiyang and Changsha. Chungking under the chairman- the French Concession in Shonghal ship of President Lin Sen.

to continue the present war of resist- no ceremonies were held. ance and national reconstruction Strict precoutionary measures were under the leadership of Generalissimo taken by the police against untoward Chiang Kai-shek. He warned against incidents. The day, however, passed any activity that may jeopardise the quietly.

meeting at the National other cities in Free China, including In the International Settlement and the National flag was displayed and patriotic handbills were distributed General Pai Chung-hsi, Vice-Chief in theatres and other amusement of General Staff, delivered the prin- establishments on Nanking Road. cloud speech in which he exherted All Chinese schools, factories, and the Chinese to stronger solidarity and business concerns had a holiday but

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Troop Train Hits Mine

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27 (Central News),-A Japanese troop train struck a Chinese mine near Jackow

Italy's entry into the war. Spain be- Japanese casualties.

two blockhouses were destroyed in a Chinese raid at Minokow, northwest of Chihslen in north Honan on the season of peace... night of December 19, Contact of Japanese units on the

The French are very willing to

RADIO

He sald that since the preliminary

12.28 Mozart-Concerto in D Major

("Coronation"). 1.03 Dance Music by Carroll Gib-

Japanese and Chinese peoples in line - 1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Wea-Mr Ho Kem Long, the Chairman, and with the policy outlined in the Pact. ther Forecast and Announcements. 1.45 Variety,

6.30 Closing local Stock Quota-

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.03 Eand Music.

8.15 London Relay-"Under the Crooked Cross." A Feature Programme. 9.0 London Relay-The News & News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay-Talk: Books and People. 8.45 A Russian Programme. 10.09 Ravel-Sonatina for Plano. 1st Mov: Modere, 2nd Mov: Menuet,

3rd Mov: Anime, Alfred Cortot (Piano); 10.20 Cesar Franck-Symphony in D Minor.

1st Mov: Lento-Allegro non troppo. 2nd Mov: Allegretto, 3rd Mov: Allegro non troppo, Philadelphia ocld Stokowaki, ... 11.0 Close nown.

Food Speculation

CHENGTU, Drc. 27 (Central News) .- Another Chinese official has corted to Chengtu for trial.

corted to Chengiu for trial.

Fu Tze-ying, sectional chief of the state Japan's Primary Aim ed while assuring that the Japanese Anheien district government, who is .. Japan's primary aim, the "Times" will not be able to durive benefit sold to be an accomplice, is detained, observes, is to secure foreign ex-therefrom,

Dover Patrol's Anti-Invasion Vigil Kept

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter) --- Perfect "Invasion" weather occurred in the Straits of Dover during Christmas and heavily armed guards were doubled against the possibility of a lightning German thrust through the blanket of mist covering the calm

Picked troops combed the beaches while the crews of longrange guns were ready for instant action and the ships of the Dover Patrol slid through the mist keeping their day and night

Meanwhile behind its ramparts Dover enjoyed a peaceful holiday. Shops were an crowded as in peacetime. Music halls and several cinemas were opened and a public dance continued until midnight. - Britain -stood on - guard : against - in-

vasion throughout the Christmastide. Vigilance Redoubled

While the unofficial air war "truce" was on, vigilance on the Channel coast was redoubled. Arms workers sacrificed their holiday to ensure continued steady stream of munitions, and to-day also war factories were running at full speed and millions of factory workers and others in offices and public services were working for the first time on Boxing Day since the passing of the Bank Holidays Act of 1871. Poor Visibility

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter) .- Poor visibility may have enforced the Christmas bombing "truce," "Reuter's" air correspondent is informed. It is emphatically denied in London that the absence of British and German raids is the outcome of any official or unofficial understanding. The following comment was made

to-day: "The weather has been bad enough over the Channel. Low cloud; and fog have, been the rule since Christmas Eve. Added to this, the nights have been particularly black and there is no moon. It would be fille to suggest that Christmas has not influenced those in command of operations at all, but if the weather had been good. I think we should have seen the usual activity."

There is a doubt that the personnel of both the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe have welcomed the rest and it has been a factor of no small psychological importance that bombing crews have en able to forget their war work for a time and enjoy to the full the

Tokyo Bay **Fortress**

New Commander SPECIAL TO THE "HELLEHIAPH" TOKYO, Dec. 26. (Domei) .- The War Office announces that Major-General Tsuncichi Kobayashi has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Tokyo Bny Fortress succeeding Major-General Sadalchi Shioda who

died recently.

Major-General Kobayashi, 52, was the commandant of an unspecified corps at the time of the Nomonhan incident and lost his left leg. He has since recuperated from the wound.

New Naval Appointment

LONDON Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The appointment of Vice-Admiral John Cunningham as Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of Supplies and Transport was announced to-night.

During the last war Vice-Admiral Cunningham was at sea practically the whole time, taking part in, among other actions, the Dardanelles cam-

(Vice-Admiral John Cunningham is not to be confused with Admiral Sir Andrew Brown Cunningham, Commander-in-chief of the Mediter-U.S. AID AVALANCHE

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter):-If we 10.04

United States can produce gives us 10.12 M. G. Carruthers, J. S. Dunnett. the certainty of ultimate victory, 10.40 Col. Shackleton, Capt. Barclay. said Sir Walter Layton shortly after 10.44 Major Temple, Major Morgan. his return to Britain from a tour of America. That ald will become a positive avalanche and will reach its elimax next winter and in the spring 10.20

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Mar-

ket this morning. DANKS H.K. Banks (L.K.) £81 n. Mercantile, C. £1034 n. · INSURANCES SHIPPING

Indo-Chinas P. \$ 100 n. Shell (Bearers) 8/-40/- n. Waterboats \$...... 7 n. DOCKS ETC. Providents \$............5.70/% 63. Shal Dockyards \$..........36 n. MINING H.K. Mines LANDS

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Macao Electrics (new) \$..16% n. Sandakan Lights \$.......11.30 n. Telephones (old) \$.........26 n. Telephones (new) \$......10.20 n. INDUSTRIALS Caid: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. \$.,14.90 n. Cald: Macg. (Pret.), Sh. \$...12 n. Canton Ices \$...... n. Watsons \$......10.70 s. Lane Crawfords \$..... n. Wing On (H.K.) \$......39 n. Powell Ltd. \$.....1.00 n. COTTON MILLS

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Starting Times For Fanling Sunday

OLD COURSE 9.16 Final Club Championship. 9.20 A. Sommerfelt, K. S. Morrison, 9.24 A. K. Mackenzie, R. Young., 9.28 A. Mack, D. I. Bosanquet. 9.32 W. N. A. Smalley, D. S. Edward. 9.36 A. McKellar, W. W. C. Shewan. T. Low, H. N. Williamron. J. A. Parrish, A. W. Bourne.
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I. H. Genre, D. Humphreys.

S. Tomlinton, A. V. Greaves. 9.32 P. Morrison, R. R. Davies. 9.40 Miss Cuthbertson, M. A. Annett. 9.44 Miss Bisckburn, J. O. Jensen. 9.28 J. K. Bousfield, R. D. Gillespie. 11.28 Col. Smith, Capt. Reldy.

Times" Analyses New Nanking Note Issue

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Central News).—Commenting upon reports that the notes issued by the Japanese-controlled Central Reserve Bank in Nanking are to be interchangeable at par with the Chinese legal tender notes, the London "Times" : envisages. another probably more dangerous bid for currency control by the Japanese in the "occupied" territory and a currency war in the Far East. change. Her chance under the The previous less ambitious note scheme now launched is increased by Far East.

fraue by the Japanese-controlled Hun two elecumstances: More than 600 government inational unity, and undermine the Symphony Orchestra cond. by Lco- Haing Bank, the "Times" predicts, First, the new notes are to be made will be awallowed up by the new legal tender; hegus Central Bank issue and pos- Second, recently the Japanese have ably the reserve against the Hua extended their grip on Shanghal's ex-Haing Bank notes will be transferred ports. .). It is obvious from the statement

to the new bank. Nevertheless London banking cir- made by the Reitish Hader-Secretary cles are somewhat sceptical regarding for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, the character of the backing for the when announcing the British credit to new notes which, according to a China, that the disposal of the inbeen arrested for food speculation. Tokyo message, is covered by gold creased stabilisation fund will be He is King Tung, magistrate of and silver specie-proportions un-strictly controlled, thereby facilitating Anhsien, Szechwan. He is being ca- stated—to the extent of forty per the employment of the exchange fund

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tion. Will not gripe. Try it.

Bowling Change

I DON'T quite understand why

Perry was taken off after bowling

two overs and geiting. Grose out and

Alec Pearce dropped. Presumably Owen-Hughes idea was to get a left

Knight tired a bit, and Coombes

other hand the one through the slips

Next over, Swyre let out at a well-

was well caught low down at mid-off

Without addition to the score,

Cricket grew dull, except when

Head on-drove Owen-Hughes out

of the ground. Later in the same over, he hit right across one and was

Coombes' Fifty

COOMBES, however, went on

At 125, Dewar was bowled by

Just after, Lloyd relieved Owen-

Hughes, and Coombes welcomed

him by cracking him to the square-

leg boundary and then on-driving

him for two. Then he put him

behind square leg for another four,

and straight drove him for 6. It

seems to me that Coombes is a con-

siderable acquision to Hongkong

Owen Hughes Again

Lellan at the Yard end, but his first

over was a maiden. Coombes hit

Coombes had played a most excel-

It was an excellent game with the

batsmen on top. There were a lot

absence of Harry Owen-Hughes.

Downt

C. G. C. Knight, b Hend
T. Ride, l.b.w. b Coorobes
L. E. Perry, c J. Pearce b Dewar
L. Owen-Hughes, not out
I. Bosanquet, not out
Extras (B 2; LB 1; WB 5; NB 2)

Head bowled four wides and Bwyre

THE WANDERERS

II. Coombes, not out
L. Freeman, b Owen-Hughes
liead, b Owen-Hughes
J. Dewar, b McLellan
Peal, not out
Extras (H 25; LB 1; WB 2)

Bowling Analysis O. M.

Results

XMAS DAY MATCHES IN ENGLAND

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Owen-Hughes 10 Lloyd

McLellan 10

lent fighting innings, hitting power-

OWEN HUGHES then relieved Mc-

McLellan. 225-7-1.

cricket.

Coombes hooked McLellan for four.

pitched one from Owen-Hughes, and

Portugal Gallantly Resist England

Friday,

Defeated 3-2 With Ten Men: A. V. Gosano Injured Early in The Match

(By "SCRAMBLER")

Losing their backbone, A. V. Gosano, after fifteen minutes play, Portugal carried on their match in the semi-final round of the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup yesterday at Kowloon Football Club ground with ten men against England after putting up a spirited resistance only to be beaten by a better team by the odd goal in five.

As long as "A. V." was with them, they more than held their own, and when this versatile "evergreen" player was injured in a collision with an English player, the Portu guese had to fight hard to avert a big defeat. It was to the credit of their defence that the score stood at tha figure, for time after time the abortive English raids were repulsed.

science was lacking was more than made up by the keenness of well bottled-up. Bright went about his both sides. The Portuguese work with calm assurance and wa were a diminuitive lot, and what way up in aiding the attack. Brit as was evinced in the English tackling and clearances were very side. Playing with only four effective. of the game, T. Alves should strange position, and although he did of the game, T. Aives should strange position, and antiboda no as the partnership with Le Page had the Home. Rugger his weak clearances, were a his partnership with Le Page had the source of relief to the English Portuguese defence on tenterhooks. attack.

have parted with the ball earlier on could be said of Saw. Bickford was many occasions. The live wire was the better of the two wingers, send-In J. Gomes who was for ever a ing across many centres although he source of worry to the Englishmen. found in Maxwell a thorn to his do-He would forage for the ball way ings. As stated, Robinson did all back in the defence and then bring that was required of him. up same for the other forwards to threaten the English citadel. II. Campos played as well as was to be expected, and his runs down the side line were always fraught with

Sound Defence

than held their own. The coverings his own missed an open goal, having and clearances of D. Alves were a only Robinson to beat.

The control of D. Alves were a only Robinson to beat.

Returning to the attack, the Eng-Country Club, Sheungshiu, at backward point (call it gully if ing situation. He was ably support- from a pass by Bright, Hendy went all square. taking over the duties of his elder drive that had Marques diving. K. T. Oei, two down, was second. Playing still with ten men, Portugal retaliated strongly, and B. Gosano's pass to T. Alves found the last named of Maxwell and Pereira were always to the fore. They had their share in marking the attack and were always covering their backs subtraction in the subtract covering their backs when being attacked. V. M. Marques in goal delighted the spectators with many brilliant saves playing as he did in a strange position. He had much more to do than his opposite number, who nevertheless did what was required of him. Had it not been for Robinson's daring in goal, the English team might have had to play off.

Steady Trio

back trio that was the mainstay of net. their display, for although being

The game was fast and what always there when wanted, an they lacked in size was made up was none too steady against Campos, by their speed. The forwards of stopping several dangerous raids. Played well at times, but there Roughley and Freshwater partnered was not the same understanding each other well, their first time

In the forward line, Fox playing forwards during the greater part at outside right found himself in a defence when they were on the standing with his other men. Hendy scored the "hat trick" and his dis-C. Santos too was weak, and should the English supporters. The same

Even First Half

The ball was swung from one end to the other. Both citadels were visited in turn, and after fifteen minutes of even play, A. V. Gosano was carried off the field after a collision with an English player. Not long In defence, the Portuguese more after, Campos when going through on

> obtained the equaliser, as from a shot taken-by-Gomes,-Robinson-was-rushed and Santos had only to tap the ball into an empty net.

After the change over, Santos was put through on his own, and with only Robinson in his way, he shot wide. At the other end, Marques twice saved magnificently from Hendy and Saw and with the Eng-

Undaunted by this reverse, the moment on political grounds. worried they were never flustered, Portuguese went about their work and always came off with the better with a will, and from one of their end. Pope, Bright and Britt were sporadic raids, Campos went through

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Results

Results of rugby matches played to-18 Welsh XV

Gloucester 26 Army XV Home Counties Rest of England Public Schools 14 Public Schools

Bogey Pool At Sheungshiu

Miss A. A. Sequeira (20) won means of stopping many a threaten- lish team secured the lead, when yesterday, finishing with a score you will) for a nice innings of two

India v. Ceylon Cricket Match

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (Reuter) .-India began a three-day match against Ceylon to-day. Batting first, India made 251, of which C. IC. Naidu, the captain, made 29. By close of play Ceylon had gathered three for 26.

At the end of the third day of the pentangular cricket tournament at lish players doing most of the attack- Bombay, the Moslems 'had made 381 ing, Hendy when in possession (Mushtagu Ali 110) and two for 18. The English team was sound with- swerved and evaded two players to The Rest had made 202 and 226 (Amire ed to settle down. out being brilliant. It was the half place the ball into the corner of the Lahl seven for 104). The Hindus with-

Softball Contributes

softball tilt.

No one knows what the score was owner. in the nightcap in which the lasses battled with the Kowloon Kops, but It was generally agreed that a big time was had, Canuckette Dot Louey was overcome with the large bat which the Kops brought out to the park, but there were no casualties.

Volunteers XI

The following will represent the Volunteers in an all-day cricket maich against the Royal Scots Sockumpoo on Sunday, starting at 11 slip, o'clock:

Baxter, N. D. Booker, D. Hung, D. His hooking on off-turners was de-McLellan, N. A. E. Mackay, A. E. lightful, and both feet were almost Perry, D. O. Parsons, W. Stoker and outside the off-stump. l. Zimmern.

to equalise with a hot grounder which Robinson touched but could not stop. sant attack, but the good work of if the tea interval cannot be cut out The English team kept up an incesthe Portuguese defenders kept them It should be reduced to a minimum. at bay, and towards the close of the game Saw's shot was blocked by the defenders. However, Hendy com-pleted his "hat-trick" to give the Englishmen victory when following

PORTUGAL: V. M. Marques; C. Grose had played a pretty forcing Queen's Park Innings. The only chance I saw was V. Gosano, J. J. Pereira; H. Campos, the drive that hit McLellan in his C. Santos, B. Gosano, J. Gomes, T. tummy.

Le Page, Hendy, Saw. Bickford.

Splendid Century By J. E. Richardson Batsmen Trounce Bowlers

(By "R. Abbit")

IN CONTRAST to the foul weather of Christmas Day, Boxing Day gave perfect cricket weather. The drizzle of the previous day caused the pitch to take spin. However, the Club batsmen did not find it too difficult:

182-4-5.

Richardson and Knight opened on one from Knight and the ball shot and the latter at 17 had the on to his wicket. 148-3-52. misfortune to be yorked by Head when shaping nicely. Ride, howeyer, settled down and the not very strong bowling was talked to severely.

The 100 was helsted in an hour and hander on to the new batsmen. Richardson completed his 50 at the same time. When Ride was at 36 hit him for four 4's in one over-it he should have been daught at deep should have been five 4's, but on the mid-wicket off Alec' Pearce. So all went merrily until at 123, should have been taken by first slip. when 100 runs had been added, Ride

was l.b.w. He had scored a nice 44. Dicky's Century

AFTER this, interest chiefly cen- Freeman was bowled. The hutch tred in whether Bichardson would seemed open. get his century before lunch. He hit like a kicking horse, and soon put all doubts at rest. His hundred He shapes like a useful bat, but I do took him only 80 minutes. After not recall having seen him before. that the fur began to fly.

Perry was settling and runs came galore. A few difficult chances were bowled. 208-6-12. LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).— put down, and it must be admitted that the bowling was not of very high quality, but both batsmen forced the game excellently.

With 229 on the board, lunch was stoutly and completed his 50, of which taken with Richardson 137 and ten shots were boundaries. 3 Perry 28—both not out.

After Tiffin

ON the resumption, runs still came but at 242 Richardson was nicely caught and bowled by Alco Pearce, who took the ball righthanded level with his shoulder-242-3-144

Owen Hughes came in and still rung came. At 270 Perry hit out at short of his half-century, 270-4-48. Club went on and runs still came, Lloyd about pretty freely to send up but mostly in singles. The Wander- the 250, and stumps were drawn with ers' sielding improved, but they could 253 on the board.—Coombes 77 not get no more wickets and Club declar- out and Peal 2 not out, ed at 308 for 4 wickets. Owen-Hughes being 31 and Bosanquet: 20 Inot out.

The Wanderers

of catches dropped, and no one was · THERE seemed a certain doubt outstanding with the ball. about the name of the opposing . I thought Perry might have been side, but I was told I might call it used more, and I am not sure I the Wanderers. should not have tried Richardson or

J. L. C. Pearce and Major Grose Ride on Coombes early on. It might opened the batting and Knight bowl- have worked, but then it might not ed at the Yard end. Pearce took a I understand that there will be a four through the slips. Owen-sort of replay as far as possible on Hughes bowled at the other end. He New Year's Day, when L. T. Ride bowled John Pearce and Grose start- will captain the Club side in the hope to report it.

couple of beautiful off-drives to the J. E. Richardson, c and b T. Pearce . 144 To send the '40 up Grose hit pavillon. It was an expensive overfour fours and two singles. The 50 was holsted in 22 minutes.

Bowling Change

About \$200 for the Bomber Fund Knight. He nearly had Grose c. & b. not bat, s was collected yesterday at Kowloon in his first over, but it was Football Club where the Greybeards a red-hot drive and went subdued the Juveniles 17 to 14 in a through his hands to his tummy greatly to the objection of the tummy

> At 70, Alec Pearce was dropped by second slip off Dewar-a difficult chance. Both batsmen settled down one. Finnle and Dewar bowled a noto play very good cricket. Just, after the 100 went up, Alec D. C. E. Grose, c Kilbee b Perry

Pearce skied one behind second slip J. L. C. Pearce, b Owen-Hughes and Owen-Hughes just got to it but T. A. Pearce, b Knight

T. A. Pearce, b Knight

J. S. Bwyre, e McLellan b Owen the sun was in his eyes and he had to turn right round. He took the A. H ball, as far as I could see, on the top of his thumb and failed to hold

He appeared to have damaged his hand and brought Ride into second

Just after, Grose, who was play-L. T. Ride, K. J. Attwell, K. M. ing very nicely, completed his 50.

AT 130 tes was taken and the game was held up for practically 20 minutes. In these short days, even As it was Pearce and Grose had just about an hour to get nearly 200 runs. But it was not to be.

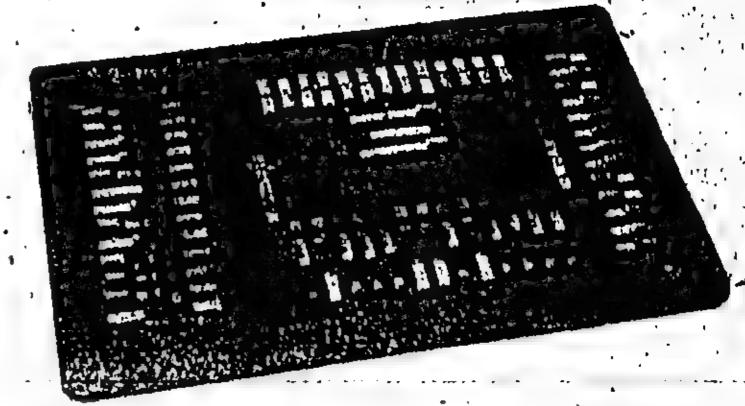
Grose hooked Perry very strong- Scotland last Saturday were: ly to the mid-wicket boundary and Albion Kilbee dashed along and held an ex- ligarts cellent catch. 142-2-72.

Pearce completed his 50 and was of matches played in England yester-ENGLAND: Robinson; Roughley, immediately after dropped at mid-day; Freshwater; Pope, Bright, Britt; Fox, on. The box was doing well. But Burnley it availed him little. He played Stockport

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Roosevelt Urged To Ensure Axis' Defeat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuter) .- More than 150 American citizens have urged President Roosevelt to "make it a settled policy of the United States to do everything that may be necessary to ensure the defeat of the Axis . Powers," it was announced by the White House to-day.

group, which included editors, law- now have and the implements we can yers, educationists, actors and re- produce are enough to make certain ligious and labour leaders, appeals the defeat of the Axis Powers so long for everything possible to be done to as Britain is on her feet and fighting: promote "resistance to the plausible but that with Britain down, they are but fainl arguments of appeasement," not enough and may not in future be evidently to let President Roosevelt increased enough to hold the whole know what they consider a large sec- world at bay."

truth—that materials of war and the son, the famous columnist.

In a letter to the President, the military, naval and air strength we

Lifeboat Mystery

BPECIAL" TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).-Captain Joel Gomes, Captain of the Por-tuguese freighter Goncalo Vehlo, which docked here to-night, said he had sighted an empty lifebout 200 miles east of the Azores marked

The Hamburg-American Line owns been sunk.

Christmas Gift For China War Orphans

Golden Rule Foundation announced tion of the United States people would The signatories include Hamilton to-day that it has cabled \$1,000 to like to hear in his broadenst on Sun- Fish, Republican Representative for Madame Chiang Kai-shek as an "extra day.

The letter continues: "We ask you to tell us what we believe to be the Dwight Morrow and Dorothy Thomp- send a larger sum on New Year's

Three Notable Talks Over Air at Christmas

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 26.—There were three notable speeches a 22,000 ton liner by that name but over the Christmas recess, all of extraordinary interest and there is no record that the ship has exceptional importance. The speakers were Mr Winston Churchill, the Pope and King George VI.

Mr Churchill's broadcast was addressed to the Italian people "with whom we are at war." It was a speech that could only be delivered by a man sure of his cause, sure of his strength. It

was a frank statement of Britain's traditional mutual sympathy and in-NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—The Golden Rule Foundation announced of a single man—Il Duce.

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The feeble answer put out by the Italian radio evades the issues so plainly stated by Mr. Churchill, and simply reaffirms Fascist arguments based on Nazi concepts—young people, lebensraum, right is might,

Rifts In Unity

There is, however, rather a tendency to protest, too strongly for conviction of the unity prevailing be-tween the Army, the Fascist Party and the Royal Family. The supercession of so many high officers re-cently is proof of rifts in this unity.

The Pope's address was also repractise is the most telling indictment of the whole Totalitarian policy that could conceivably be made, especially in the exceptional circumstances of the Pope's position.

The brands the offence but does not represent butter being forced on to "iron" rations.

Even if the present butter

would have had in any case.

King's Speech King George's speech was of a has been a very successful one and different character as compared to the Ministry of Food has ample sugar the other two addresses. It was non-stocks, both home-produced and from polemical and almost non-political, overseas. political. His Majesty spoke as man for many months to come.

possibly be imagined.

Press & Radio Campaigns LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter)—In broadcasts directed to Britain the German radio has been plugging away on the lines of: "Why should Britain go on with the war?" Several broadcasts have asserted

that the British government has had several peace opportunities. It is not supposed in London that the Germans really expect much to result from this peace propuganda especially when -A suspicion that the enemy one takes into consideration the may have manufactured "evicontinual statements in German dence" to suggest that R.A.F. home broadcasts that the war will be planes bombed Swiss territory is a long one and that Britain is not voiced in authoritative quarters easily overcome. This radio and press campaign has given the lie to in London to-day.

Importance. Some commentators think that ber 24 and 25. Hitler is probably still hoping to get out of his present predicament by a peace offensive, the essence of which would be to eliminate British opposition while leaving him still in possession of the countries he has over-run in Europe.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" YOKOHAMA, Dec. 28 (Domel).-Four students of the Bangkok Naval Academy arrived here this morning coast guardsman captured an alleged aboard the Toba Maru for a six-month spy who had entered Soviet-Russia study at the Nippon Electric Manu-facturing Company's plant. The group is accompanied by a Comman-der and a Lieutenant who will how-stated that the spy entered Russia in ever return to Bangkok immediately. a amail sloop which was wrecked.

Britain's Food Supplies

Quite Ample

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter). -Despite all the efforts of the German counter-blockade, the markable, seeing that it was deliver- Ministry of Food still has sufficied from Rome at this season. His ent stocks of all essential food-Holiness' summary of the five points stuffs, and even if the British which all true Christians should

mention the offender. Nobody who ration is cut, the British people heard or read his homily can fall to will still be getting a larger realise that victory of truth allowance than the inhabitants mutual goodwill could be reached of the enemy countries and the moment, especially so hard upon the heel of Churchill's words, the address fats as a very important one for a must have greatly intensified the country's staying power and they say strong influence his admonitions that the situation in Britain is very good indeed.

The augar-beet crop this autumn

It was non-polemical and almost non- Tea supplies are expected to last

to man, he spoke of the family, then of home life and Christmas spirit, of national unity, of national confidence and the hope of better things.

No. greater contrast to the usual blustering boasts and noisy fulminations of the Axis leaders could nation is used.

Faked?

London Suspicions LONDON Dec. 26 (Reuter).

Marshal Brauschitsch's statement that the English channel protects Britain only so long as it suits Germany. Thus the "Berliner Borsen Zeitung" says that in achieving and undertaking a task of such magnitude a few months more or less is of no RAF, operations were carried out over Europe on the nights of December 1. over Europe on the nights of Decem-

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MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (UP).—The newspaper "Pravda" reports that a

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Nazi Eyes Turning Towards Turkey

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ing mechanized equipment, artillery and accessories so it is probably, material for a score or more divisions which are already on the ground.

Has Much To Gain

Action against Greece would be very difficult at this season of the year; therefore, the springtime theory is favoured among observers here.

It is pointed out that Germany has just as much to gain by reaching Salonika as she would in helping her

Salonika as she would in helping her faltering partner. From there, the Iraq oil fleids are only a few hours bombing-time away, Mosul and Baku, would also be threatened.

There is some speculation that German action against Syria is made necessary by Italian weakness. Action there would necessitate bases on the Aegean Sea and the start would have to be made early because the torrid summer begins early and operations after May would be very difficult. be very difficult.

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a very retentive memory, and was unsurpassed as a reconteur. He was an enthusiastic follower of the turf and an ardent football fan. He was a member of St Andrew's Society and the Institute of Engineers

and Shipbuilders. His death is a great loss to his employers and to the shipping frater-A single man, the late Mr Lang

leaves a brother, who is a chief engineer with the Union Steamship Co., Ltd. of New Zealand, and three sisters, who are in Scotland.

Indian Stowaway In Court

Shin A Phn. 34, of Madras, India. was sentenced to two weeks hard from Hongkong for entering the Colony without a valid passport by Mr E. Himsworth at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Det.-Sergeant Hill said that defendant was found on board the ship after it had left Shanghal. It appeared that the defendant was absolutely "broke" and had been formerly employed es an elephant trainer in a circus Defendant was trying to return to India.

NEWS



NOT NEEDED-With continued raids over England by Naxis, historic lamp posts are removed from the vicinity of Westminster Hall, London. They're not needed during blackouts. Big Ben is at right.

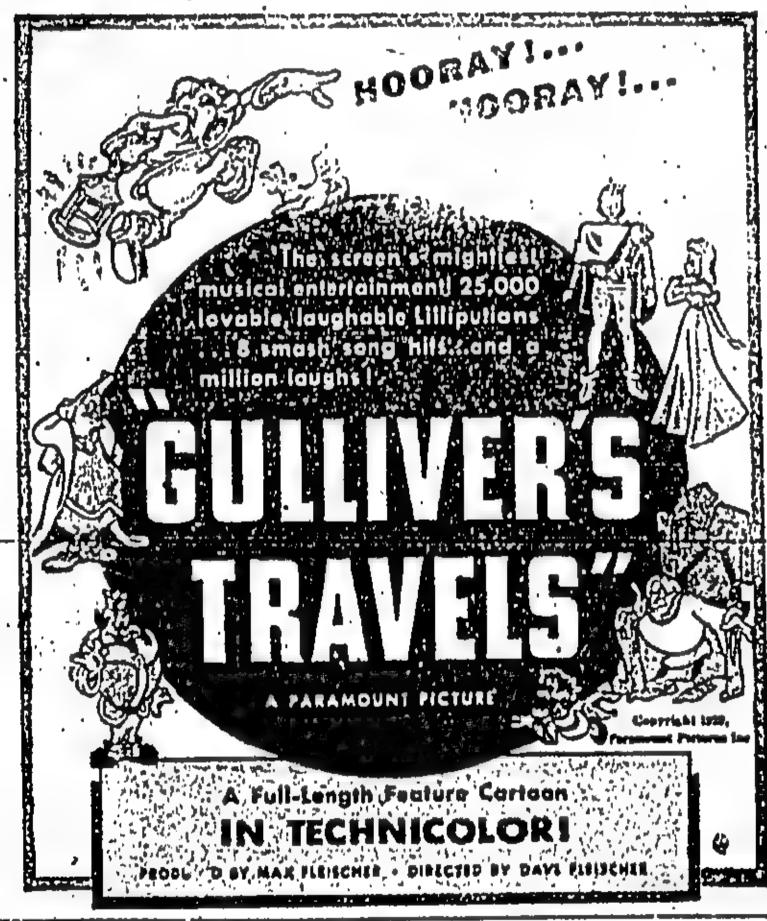


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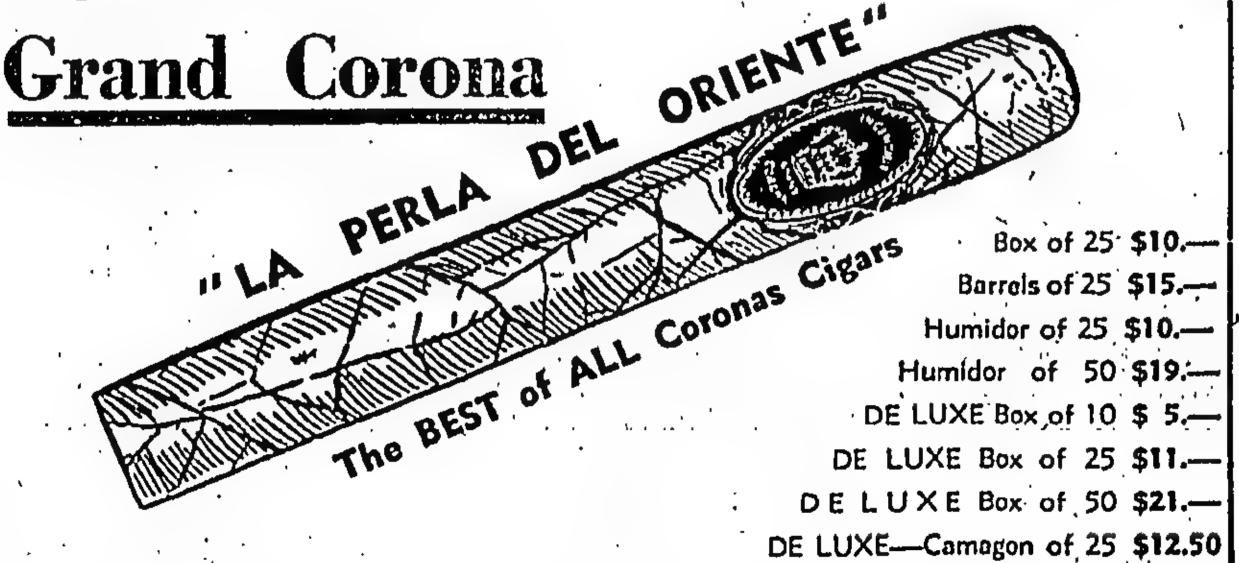
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Inflation Looms In Japan

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attributed to the need for TUESDAY. funds to pay dividends and also the lag in government payments.

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Hitler's New Manoeuvres

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BELGRADE, DEC. 26 (UP).--IT HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED BY A WELL-INFORMED SOURCE THAT THREE DIVISIONS OF CERMAN This demand for loans is TROOPS ENTERED ITALY DURING LAST SUNDAY, MONDAY AND

> THEY ENTERED THE COUNTRY BY RAILWAY THROUGH THE BRENNER PASS AND THE TARVISSA PASS.

> > But Confirmation

Is Lacking

By Joe Alex Morris

FOREIGN NEWS MANAGER

serve as a German base.

| feats in Albania.

By Pacific Typhoon

Special to the "Telegraph"

HONOLULU, Dec. 26, (UP).—Tho United States Army

The ship carried about 100 tand mountainous sens buffeted the

The storm burst with but little here as a precaution. The ship con-

warning at 10 a.m. on December 20 tinue to San Francisco this afternoon.

troops who recently arrived

injuries. One passenger and two

members of the crew were x-rayed

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—

for Albania.

BRITISH ACTION FROM KENYA

Closing In On Italians

(By "Reuter's" Correspondent in Sudan) KHARTOUM, Dec. 26.—British patrols in the Kassala sector of the 1,200 mile Sudan-Abyssinlan front- are becoming more active and aggressive, and although this railway town, which is situated inside the Sud in 20 miles from the frontier, is held by the enemy, its streets have become dangerous at night for unwary Italian troops.

DEATH OF MR NEIL LANG

Popular Hongkong Ship's Officer

highly esteemed and popular enemy native agent as he was lying figures on the China Coast has asleep by his house and carried him man troops are moving in Rutaken place in the death, which back to the British lines. occurred suddenly in Colombo on Christmas Day, of Mr Neil Lang. The news was conveyed and small parties of the Sudan fact that trains are arriving in by cable this morning to the Defence Force are hustling the Budapest from Germany from Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., There has been a series of hide and three to four, and some even up There has been a series of hide and three to four, and some even up with which firm the late Mr seek ambushes among the thorn to seven hours late, there is no Lang had served as a chief bushes and tall grass of the bush official confirmation available in engineer for more than 30 years. Country.

Occasionally there is a larger London. Budapest, Sofia or engineer for more than 30 years. country.

months ago because his ship was of the Sudan Defence Force waylays requisitioned for service by the too venturesome, but British harass- flatly that German troops are British Government.

Born in 1873, Mr Lang served his apprenticeship with Messrs William having the effect of slowly pushing officially denied that King Boris the Italians back.

Denny and Co., Ltd., of Dumbarton, Scotland, before coming out to Scotland, before coming the scotland of the Italian Army (Boris) would abdicate immediately scotland to Scotland of the Italian Army (Boris) would abdicate immediately scotland to Scotland of the Italian Army (Boris) would abdicate immediately scotland to Scotland of the Italian Army (Boris) would abdicate immediately scotland to Scotland of the Italian Army (Boris) would abdicate immediately scotland to Scotland of the Italian Army (Boris) would abdicate immediately scotland to Scotland of the Italian Army (Boris) would abdicate immediately scotland to Scotland of the Italian Army (Boris) would abdicate immediately scotland to Scotland of the Italian Army (Boris) would abdicate immediately scotland to Scotland of the Italian Army (Boris) would abdicate immediately scotland to S Scotland, before coming out to is concentrated at Ahmara and China in 1900 to join the China Tilbal And Book Book Column E Navigation Co., Ltd. Eight years later he joined the Douglas interests, and had remained with that organisation ever since.

Fine Officer & Gentleman A typical Scot of the old school, Mr Lang was a fine officer and a great gentleman. He was held in the Hongkong Government this the Germans intend to start any high regard and affection in many circles. He possessed a keen wit and a very relentive memory, and was TURN to Back Page, Column 5

PEACE BY NECOTIATION

Senator Vandenberg. Expresses View

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

U.S. Transport Battered WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP) .- Senator Arthur Vandenberg in an interview to-day gave the impression that he believed the time is propitious for a peace move. He predicted that the war would ultimately end transport Etolin arrived from Manila to-day enroute to San with a negotiated peace.

He said: "An American Inquiry Francisco after having been buffeted on December 20 by a addressed to all concerned would be typhoon which carried away the after deck house, broke a numparticularly effective; in this direct ber of windows and disabled the radio antenna temporarily. tion if it was generally understood that a refusal to accept a just and

realistic formula might result in our passengers of whom about 50 ship. At about noon, the ship reachem powerfully enlarged activity." were soldiers. Two of the crew there was some sunlight; then the peal of the Johnson Act or the start of the subsequently wind renewed its force. At about 1 peal of the Johnson Act or the died.

Neutrality Act, and was also opposed to "sending American ships into Adolph Schultz, said that the storm belligerent zones or providing was the worst in his 45 years of exhouse intertibulation was reported at

He said President Roosevelt's pro- perience. The wind blew at force hours later, the storm was reported at potal for a loan or lease of war 12 which is hurricane/strength. He Midway island, 1,000 miles away. material to Britain was "too nebul said, "The wind was so terrific that Numerous persons suffered minor bus," hence he would not comment on no one was able to stand on deck." the subject because he was "opposed. to defeating the statutes by subter-

Men are found dead in lonely alleyways and at street corners in this once peaceful trading centre and men lock their doors fearful of soft-footed Sudanese troops who are reportedly stealing into the town under cover of darkness, seizing an occasional.

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or merely "borrowing" some cases of beer or chianti. On one occasion Sudanese entered The loss of one of the most the town and arrested a notorious Reports and rumours that Ger-

prisoner, killing a dozing sentry

Ambushes In Tall Grass All along the border British patrols from diplomatic sources, and the

Occasionally there is a larger Mr Lang left Hongkong a few operation when a mechanised patrol Ankara, ing tactics originally designed to moving through Hungary. Sofia Southwest Kwangtung Born in 1873, Mr Lang served his contain the enemy forces, are now

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Another Cheque For Bombers

A cheque for \$32,060.81, being the those already instructing the Ruequivalent of £2,000 was handed to manian army, and it is "unlikely that morning for telegraphic transfer to military action in the Balkans, especithe British Government. This re- ally against Greece or Turkey." presents the sixteenth instalment sent to London from the "South China The "United Press" correspondent Morning. Post" and "The Hongkong was not permitted to state the num-Telegraph" War Fund for the pur-iber of recent arrivals. chase of bombers.

At 4 p.m. yesterday, the Fund had said German concentrations reached the total of \$1,510,760.01, the Temesvar and Arad were expected total amount remitted to London be-last week in view of the Italian deing £04,389-19-6.

Little Warning

months. From Budapest comes the report that according to eye-Keports ing the past three days, with Excite railway trains rolling through -

It is declared that the troops comprise two

This is the first mass transportation of German

mechanised and one infantry division, consisting

of Alpine troops, who are believed to be destined

troops to Italy, although small groups of techni-

cians have entered the country during the past two

Nazi Eyes Turning Towards

BPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH" BUDAPEST, Deck-20"(UP) -- Germany now possess sufficient military strength to drive a wedge between Greece and Turkey:

However, diplomatic sources assert that it would be difficult to reconcile The Bulgarian situation is equally

It is believed that the Russian beaten further back upon Barmania reverberate throughout garrisons in Bessarabia now total at Europe, but aside from reports | TURN to Back Page, Column 4

Berlin denied officially and Uperations

Towns Bombed SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

diately if Bulgaria is forced to At Bucharest the Press Ministry of the blockade announced by many hauled by brand new southward." told the "United Press" that German Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, Italian lorries which had been Commander-in-Chief of the captured in the desert fighting. · Temesvar were merely enlarging Japanese China Seas Fleet, on December 23, Japanese naval forces, including aircraft, start- CAIRO. Dec. 28 (UP).-To-day's have ordered 30,000 additional tons. ed operations against the Chung- General Headquarter report says that The largest number of Japanese king supply routes and harbours On the Soudan frontier the patrol ment have already settled down with along the southwestern coast of made a successful raid on east the officials and officers now in their Kwangtung, according to the TURN to Back Page, Column 3 own private houses... At Budapest, our correspondent press section of the Japanese South China Seas Fleet.

Naval planes carried out reonnaissance flights over Shuionnaissance flights over ShuiThai—French Clashes connaissance flights over Shuitung, Tinpak, Yeungkong, Fengtow, and Kwonghoi on the southwestern coast of Kwangtung, inflicting severe damage to warehouses' filled with war materials to be used by Chiang Kai-shek's forces.

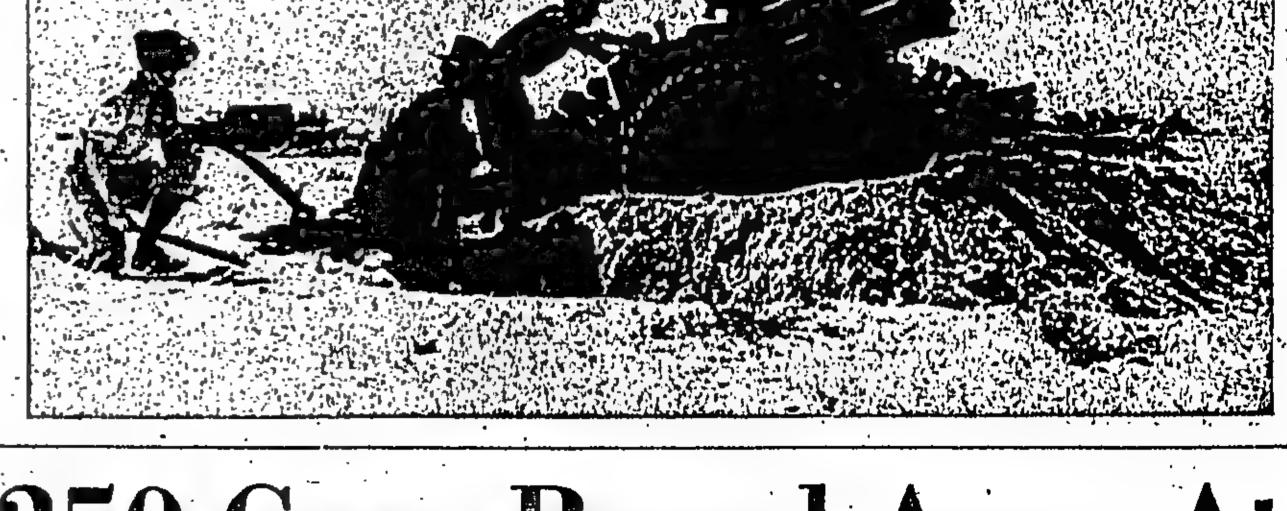
ATEST

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BOMBARD BARDIA

reported to be incessantly bombarding the Italian stronghold of Bardia. As can be seen in this official photograph, the gun is manned by Australians.



witnesses there has been an intensification of German aerial transports across Hungary durith and the past three days with 250 Guns Pound Away At hourly, loaded with all the equipment a large-scale German Beleaguered Bardia City movement might require.

By RICHARD MACMILLAN "United Press" Correspondent

With the British army besteging Bardin, Dec. 28 (UP) .- Heavy British artillery: throughout Christmas day hammered the beleaguered city of Bardia, and occusionally there were infantry engagements in No-Man's-Land.

The British attackers have brought up heavy naval artillery and at least 250 Slavia because of the recent pact British guns of all calibre are massed in a semi-circle around the port, including some fresh batteries which have been added during the past 24 hours.

The Italians, who have been dia, have been stubbornly resist-

There is brilliant sunshine and a cold wind is blowing.

The rival armies remained heedless of the Feast of Nativity as the British forces sought to sweep the Italian defences into the sea. 🕐

The attackers are confident that the end is only a question of days.

I passed up the line through the dust and simmering sunlight, along the coastal road leading to Official Report

have delayed the reports.

Continue Unabated

Special to the "Telegraph"

French islands of Sanet and Chien retaliating for the French

being killed and one wounded. On planning to close down and have

the same day. That planes flew over requested from the authorities more

shelling of the Thai barracks across the river.

French machine-gunned Kemmarat, road.

Tin Mining Stopped

The Thailanders retaliated with 20

shells on Thakhet. ...

HANOI, Dec. 26 (UP).—It is believed that there were

NIPPON POINTER TO SOUTH

High Official Drops Hint

Special to the "Telegraph"

HANOL Dec. 26 (UP) --- Very reliable sources learned that a Japanese official whose importance exceeds that of Lieut-General Sumita, head of the Japanese military mission, left for Saigon last Saturday to confer with General Sumita regarding Japanese aspirations in south Indo-China.

They said that this official told CANTON, Dec. 27 (Domei). Bardia, and saw what seemed to the French: "The Tonkin affairs Simultaneously with the bring- be an endless column of tanks of the Japanese are settled and ing into effect on December 25 and fresh troops with guns, we are now turning our interests

> The Japanese recently obtained land surrounding the Halphong airfield which they are enlarging. They have used 5,000 tons of cement to modernise the Hanol airfield and

> > Batteries Engaged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOL Dec. 28 (Domel).—French

GREEKS STILL ADVANCE

New Gains Claimed SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Dec. 26 (UP).-The War Ministry announced, "Local successful operations allowed our troops to advance and capture enemy positions. Prisoners and inportant war materials fell into our hands." Advance Continues

. SOFIA, Dec. 26 (UP).—Radio Athens announced: "The advance of Greek troops continued on the entire front. Along the border incidents on Wednesday and Thursday but the holidays const our troops captured several strategic heights, despite the Last Thursday, near Savannakhet, Thai troops landed on the snow storms and blizzards. West of the river Din, we pushed back the Italian forces. Further north At the same time in the West Cam-| River boats are also attacked, we captured ten new villages. bodian Poinet region, Thal-French Frightened natives refuse to work in taking many prisoners." patrols clashed, three Thailanders the exposed mines. The owners are

Heavy Fighting BELGRADE, Dec. 20 (UP),-Heavy the Savannakhet region and the planes and artillery to protect the fighting has been resumed on the Inorthern Albanian front according to a l"Pravda's" frontler correspondent. whose whereabouts was not disclosed.

sources indicated to the foreign Press It is reliably learned that Indo-that the sharpest hostilities in the SUSPECT MURDER.

mines at Boneng, north of Thakhet Thai-Indo China' frontier about The body of a Chinese was found and that business is at a standstill Christmas as the batteries on the op- on the hillside near Stanley Barracks due to the That shelling and plane posite banks of the Mekong River in this morning of the

attacks as soon as anything moves the vicinity of Thakhek staged ar- No wounds were visible, but there on the vital road running along the tillery duels. That gendarmes, were were were stratches on the face and hands? river border. Only armoured cars reported to have raided Makong is and the police suspect murder They are allowed on the road.

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AIR TRUCE ENDED Germans Raid Isle Of Sheppy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—At abroad:— 5.40 p.m. it was announced that

the Christmas truce was ap-

parently ended.

The Air Ministry and the Ministry of Home Security in a joint communique said that the enemy bombed the Isle of Sheppy this afternoon with "little damage, no casualties and no

Meanwhile, troops with machineguns on the English Channel coast exercised extreme caution against any possible German surprise invasion through the mist-inll coast highway truffic was stopped, inspected and identified, while the crews of the long-range guns commanding the Straits of Dover were in readiness for immediate action.

No London Raids

LONDON, Dec. 27 (UP) -At 12.10 n.m. to-day there were still no raids on Britain aside from the lone bombing of the Isle of Sheppy on Thursday afternoon.

Churches Destroyed

LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—The Press Bureau of the Church of Eng-

vicarages throughout the country. and oldest Cathedrals are included in killed and wounded, and the locomothe report, listing the total destruc- tive and four coaches were wrecked, tion of St. Michael's Cathedral at A quantity of alcohol and all aboard Coventry. It also listed the damage was gutted by fire. to. Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's, Another Japanese train was blown Canterbury and Liverpool Cathedrals; up by a Chinese mine on the St. Martin in Fields; St. James in Changtien-Poshan loop line on the

De Gaulle Tells Vichv

-The announcement that the Chinese raid at Minekow, northwest Vichy Government has decided of Chihsien in north Honan on the to release French officers Contact of Japanese units on the captured at Dakar has drawn Tsinshui-Yangcheng highway from General de Gaulle a re- south Shansi has been completely tions. joinder.

lease of these officers and non- east of Yangcheng were also destroycommissioned officers whom, until ed. recently, Vichy and intended to bring before a Court Martial.

officers arrested by the Free French |24. forces in the course of recent Police operations in Gabon.

H. M. Acheron Lost

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" Admiralty announcement says that from one of the Baltic States, and po, 2nd Mov: Allegretto, 3rd Mov: the British destroyer Acheron of 1,350 belongs to the intelligence service Allegro non troppo, Philadelphia tons has been sunk. This is the 34th of a foreign Power. The paper Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leodestroyer lost. The normal crew of stated that the spy entered Russia in pold Stokowski. the Acheron was 138,

Carsiff, for Carlier

ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN. CLUB

Members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club will be "At Home" to all invited Guests" on the occasion of the Club's Annual "At Home" and Closing Day, to be held on Saturday, 28th December, 1910. The Lawn Bowls games will

commence at 2.30. Immediately after these friendly Colony. Price \$1.50. Obtainable at games, there will be a Presentation & Walsh, Ltd., Hongkong of Prizes to winners of the various Club Competitions held during the

> E. A. ATKINS, Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will charged for mailing single copies since the Rumanian authorities are following newspapers

South China Morning Post China and Macao 16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign · 25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph China and Macao 14 cents per copy

' 16 cents' Saturdays

British and Foreign -20 cents per copy 25 cents Saturdays.

CHINESE HARASSING **TACTICS**

Troop Train Hits Mine

land revealed to-day that German SHANGHAI, Dec. 27 (Central bombings during the past year enused News) .- A Japanese troop train the destruction or damage of over struck a Chinese mine near Jackow ZBW, 355 metres (845 k.c.) and 1,000 churches, schools, halls and station, on the Kiaotsi Railway about 21 miles west of Weihsien, on Decem-Some of England's most famous ber 23. A number of Japanese were

Piccadilly and St. Mary's at The Bow. same day, resulting in scores Japanese ensualties.

North Kiangsu CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (Gentral News) .-- A Japanese contingent pushing eastward from Hauchow in north Anhwel last week, setting the Japanese supply depots and shops selling ther Report.

Japanese goods on fire. Over 100 Japanese were killed and LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter). two blockhouses were destroyed in a

severed as a result of the Chinese destruction of the road, bridges, and He welcomes the fact that French telephone and telegraph wires. Three public opinion has compelled the re-

Interception Near Swatow KWEILIN, Dec. 26 (Central News). -Japanese froops in seven lorries - General de Gaulle adds that it is, and eight tanks protecting a gang of Crooked Cross." however, clearly understood that the workers building a new highway in step taken by Vichy will in no way Tenghal, 12 miles north-east of modify the safety measures taken Swatow, were intercepted and atregarding certain generals and senior tacked by the Chinese on December

Soviets Capture Spy

MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (UP),-The (Pinno). newspaper "Pravda" reports that a 10.20 Cesar Franck-Symphony, in coast guardsman captured on alleged D Minor. LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP) .-- An spy who had entered Soviet-Russia 1st Mov: Lento-Allegro non tropa small sloop which was wrecked.

Freighter's Japanese Adventurous

Special to the "Telegraph"

TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domei).—Ten months after it left Yokohama for Marseilles, the 7,149-ton war-scarred N.Y.K. freighter Nagara Maru returned here after experiencing two air raids while in French and Italian harbours, and undergoing delays of 65 days in Genoa and 78 days in Colombo.

The Nagara Maru left Marseilles on June 2 when the Luftwasse raided that port, she proceeded to Algiers, then to Naples and Genoa. The vessel, retraced her course to Naples when Genoa was attacked by British aircraft. Arriving at Colombo at 11.49 p.m., the ship was detained by British authorities for 78

against the harbour on June 1 and 2. The freighter sailed from Colombo The Nagara Maru's bridge and woodon December 2, permitting the crew combisting of 59 members, headed by Captain Masao Takada; to obtain the first glimpse of their fatherland since March 27.

Captain Takada expressed his ad-Recounting his experiences at miration for the "bold and accurate" Marsellles, Captain Takada said that bombing of the Germans whose airthe Lustwasse carried out sive raids erast were "almost inaudible."

Hitler May Soon Attempt Invasion Of The Ukraine

Special to the "Telegraph"

SOFIA, Dec. 26 (UP).—Neutral sources are re-emphasising the possibility of Hitler attempting an invasion of the Ukraine.

It is declared that a blitzkrieg campaign may be staged during January, when there is very little snow falling and everything is frozen hard, enabling the easy use of motorised equipment.

It is pointed out that if such a campaign is successful, Hitler will have his own granary which would be ready for planting by the spring.

It was added that such a campaign was well within the plays no part." Turkish Opinion

Istanbul, Dec. 26 (UP).-A very well informed source who has just returned to Istanbul from Rumania is of the opinion that the arrival of any large new bodies of German troops would be highly significant, not expecting any increase in the present figure, which, he said, was 42,000

He suggested that any troop movements through Hungary might be 109's about lunchtime one day, partially due to a shift towards south We peeled off down from about

German divisions on the Russo-Polish and made our attacks. Then frontier, the movement of which is there was a dog fight and I was difficult because of the comparatively hit by a cannon shell as I was antiquated Polish railway system.

Berlin Dismisses Reports BERLIN, Dec. 26 (UP),-Authorized Nazi circles said the foreign reports of Russo-German difficulties in the Rumanian area were "routine attempts of foreign propagandists to disturb the relations of the two coun-

They also dismissed the "wishful! thinking" reports of German troop sarabia and Poland.

which has now been adjourned until flow of blood. the middle of January.

31.49 metres (9,520 kilo-cycles)

Relay Of "Under The Crooked Cross".

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c's., and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and, 8-11' p.m. on 9.52 m.c's. per

12,15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-12.28 Mozart—Concerto in D Major

("Coronation"). 1.0 Local Time Signal and Wea-1.03 Dance Music by Carroll Gib-

ons & Orchestras. .1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weaher Forecast and Announcements. 1.45 Variety.

2.15_Close_down. 5.45 Indian Programme. 6.30 Closing local Stock Quota-

6.32 Dance Music. 7.0 London Relay-The News. 7.15 London Relay-Questions of the Hour. 7.30 Latest Variety.

8.0 Local Time, Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.03 Band Music. 8.15 London Relay-"Under th

A Feature Programme. 9.0 London Relay—The News News Commentary. 9.30 London Relay-Talk: Books

and People. 9.45 A Russian Programme. 10.09 Ravel-Sonatina for Plano.

Belgians Called To Arms

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 Reuter) .-- A "call to arms" to all Belgians between the ages of 19 and 25 has been issued to China by sending alreraft or by her battle for survival as an indeby the Belgian Consul-General, M. further 'restricting shipments to pendent nation, is receiving at least Charles Halleart,

His appeal also includes reserve officers, while volunteers between the ages of 16 and 36 will be accepted." The announcement says; . "Armed Belgian units are now being formed in England to fight side by side with the British and Allied armies. Belgians in countries not occupied by the German Army are affected by this decree and should consult their nearest · Consul · regarding their. present military status."



bounds of possibility "in this war of surprises in which logic Pilot Survives Direct Hit By Enemy Shell

LONDON, Dec. 26 (British Wireless) .-- A thrilling story of parachute escape from a Spitfire was told by a Sergeant pilot who was a member of one of the first flights to have shot down 100 aircraft operating from one station.

He said: "We had attached! formation of Messerschmitt He estimated that there are 70 22,000 feet one after another about to attack a Messerschmitt 109 about 1,000 feet below me.

"Immediately my Spitfire went into steep dive. Flames appeared al round, so I threw the hood back and kicked myself out of the machine. I had been hit in the leg and fainted almost immediately. Falling Fast

"I came to pretty soon afterwards "Then I realised that my tunic

Protective Plane

came round me and gave me proenemy fighters, but no enemy ap- down,"

"I thought, as I was coming down, that I was going to hit telegraph wires or high tension cables, but missed them both and landed in an

"My aircraft crashed about three! miles from my home in Kent and when my parents came to see me in gained." hospital the following day, they told me that they had watched me com-Ing down although at the time not knowing who I was,

Faked?

London Suspicions

-A suspicion that the enemy Soviet entrance," the Captain said. Colombo. may have manufactured "evi- been offset by very few gains and dence" to suggest that R.A.F. her alliance with the Axis is not planes bombed Swiss territory is able to replace the iron which was voiced in authoritative quarters lin London to-day,

The Swiss General Staff com- guerillas are "apparently just munique stated that foreign planes effective as the parachute troops." flew over Swiss territory on Christmas Eve, and authoritative quarters in London now point out that it has been officially announced that no R.A.F. operations were carried out over Europe on the nights of December 24 and 25...

The same quarters observe that the Swiss Staff communique confirms the suspicions that earlier reports of bombing of Swiss territory by the 1st Mov: Modere, 2nd Mov: Menuet, R.A.F. may have been based on SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" 3rd Mov: Anime, Alfred Cortot evidence manufactured by the enemy,

Japan Policy SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

New York League of Women Voters 000 a year ago. announced to-day that it is survey- Our exports to China registered ing the policy of the United States substantial gain in October bringing towards Japan.

Laurens H. Seelye, said that was period of last year. necessary "because at any moment it "These trade gains will be may be proposed to increase our aid welcomed as evidence that China, in

STRONG TO-DAY

U.S. Army Expert Sums Up

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP) .movements on the Russo-German and found that I was falling fast, China is much stronger to-day than frontier, and that Russia had streng- I was very comfortable but at 14,000 in 1937 when the conflict started thened her garrisons in both Bes- feet or so I pulled the parachute rip while Japan's position has "materially cord. Then, when coming down weakened," according to Captain They put aside the report that the slowly, I took my wireless lead M R. Krammerer, member of the Russian delegate had resigned from which was still attached and tied it Army's General Staff School and the Danube river control conference tight round my leg to staunch the Editor of the quarterly military review "Current Issue."

Without mentioning the help of was on fire, so I heat out the flames the United States, he said that outwith my hands. I singed my mous- side assistance coupled with the reopening of the Burma Road by the British had stiffened the morale of "A Spitfire from another squadron the Chinese "appear willing and able the Chinese to such an extent that tection from machine-gunning by Inpaneso offensive has bogged

He said that the outcome of the conflict may be decided by the European war results but, the Japanese meanwhile, will be unable "to impose their will on the enemy and may have to be content with trying to protect what they have

Nanning And Indo-China

The Chinese offensive followed the opening of the Burma Road and the re-capture of Nanning which was, "evacuated by the Japanese probably with some loss of face when they moved into Indo-China. Whether Alor Star this withdrawal was voluntary or forced, appears to be controversial. Batavia The Japanese were loosing heavily as a result of the Central and North China guerilla raids.

"The impasse might have been broken had the Japanese closed all LONDON Dec. 26 (Reuter). the gateways to China, including the formerly obtained from the United States. The Chinese are in a position to carry on the offensive but the Since 1933 the United States had made available \$246,000,000 to China

U.S. Aid Offset SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP) .-The Washington Star in an editorial to-day said that United States aid to China was offset in part by the continued flow of war materials to

The editorial said, "Exports in October were valued at \$26,195,000 which is up \$8,000,000 more than in September. The increase is due Women Probe U.S.—chiefly to large shipments of refined and scrap copper, metal working machinery, gasoline and other aviation shipments to Japan during the first ten moths which were valued at NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP) .- The \$191,413,000 compared to \$179,377,-

the total for the first ten months of The Chairman of the Government the year to \$67,008,000 as against and Foreign Policy Committee, Mrs \$42,170,000 during the corresponding

this help."

Work on the A.R.P. tunnels continued during the Christmas holidays, said Wing-Comdr A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, and work on other A.R.P. projects is being proceeded with, of the hillsides. When rain fell the Experiments with seating ac- nullahs would become full and the

ventilation was tried out. Work on Kowloon nullahs was Certain of the nullahs on the Island completed, and the nullahs were now available for use as shelters.

Certain of the nullahs on the Island ed before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kow-loon available for use as shelters.

Was hoped that they would ultimately blasting without, taking precautions

commodation and a system of volume of the water would constitute a danger to people sheltering these.

dimeulties on account of the steepness shelters in the event of an emergency. Road yesterday.



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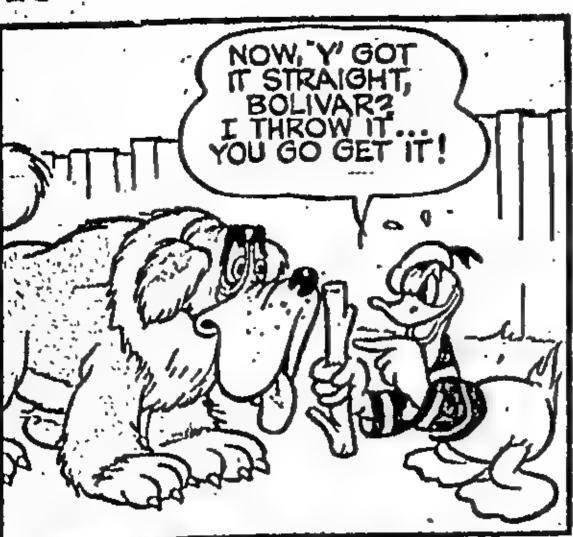
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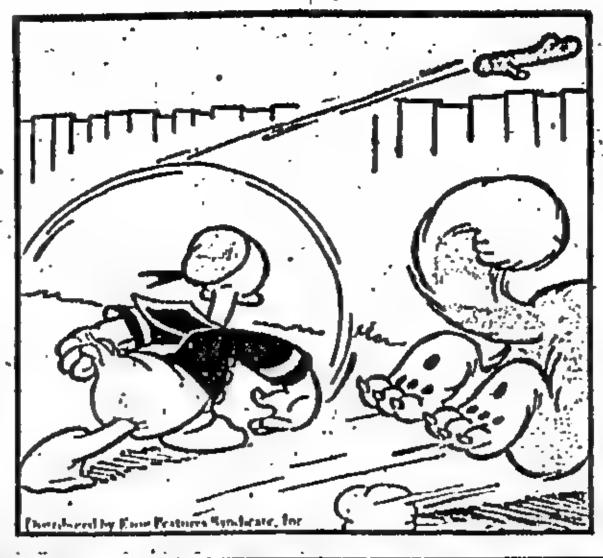
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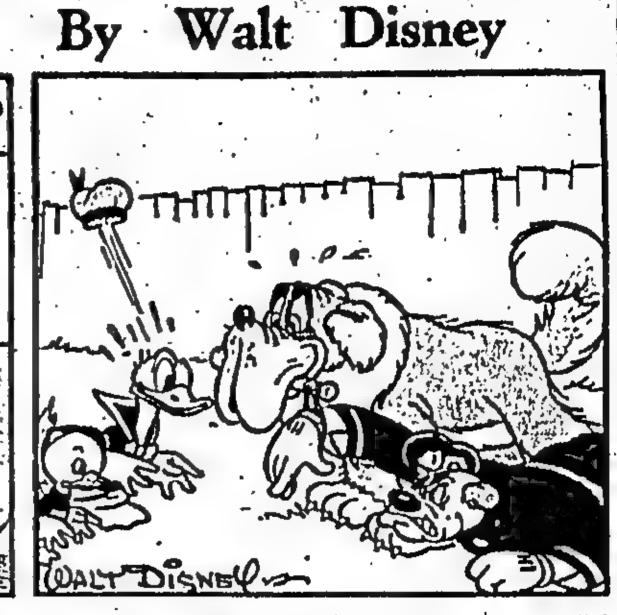
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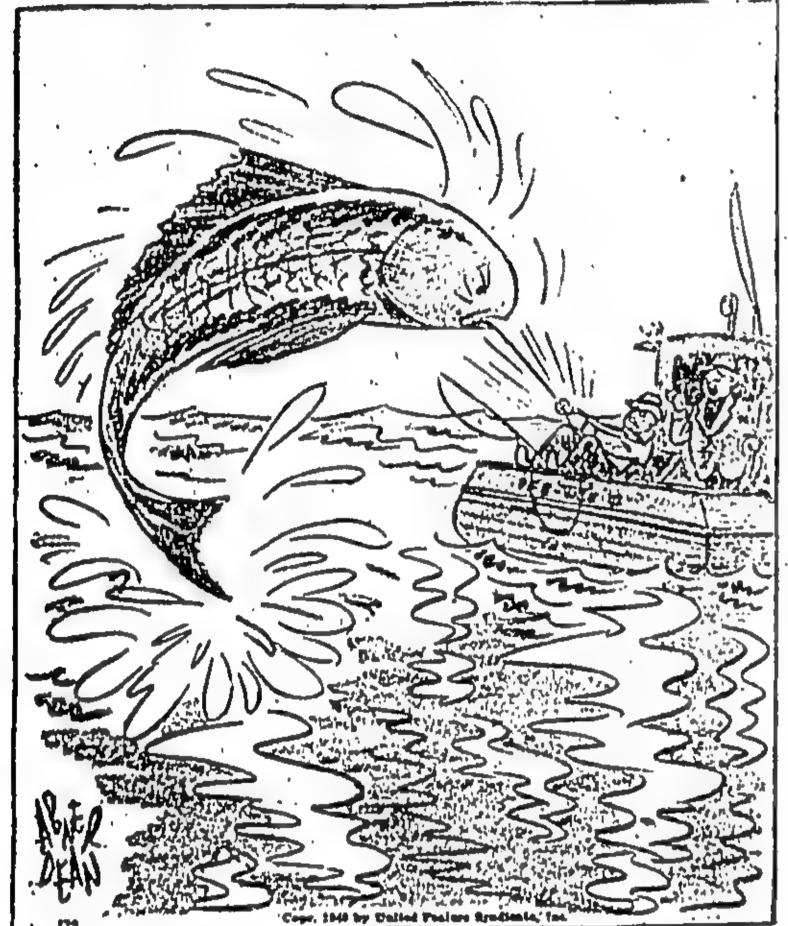
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"Better let him go . . . 'nobody'd believe you anyhow!"

Simply but vividly, a British fighter pilot describes what lies behind the official phrase, "But the pilot is safe."

OUR squadron of fighters was flying east when three enemy aircraft were seen flying west, in the clouds overhead. I told our leader that I would climb with my flight above the clouds and investigate.

As I did this, twelve Messerschmitt 109 fighters emerged. Still climbing, I made for the sun, turned, and gave the order for my flight to break up and attack.

In a moment, our battle began-our six Hurricanes against the enemy's twelve.

The eighteen nireraft chased round and round, in and out of the cloud. I chose my first opponent. He seemed to be dreaming and I quickly got on to his tail and gave him a short burst which damaged

I flew in closer and gave him a second dose. It was enough. He dived, out of control. followed him down to 6,000 feet. There I circled for a minute or two and watched him dive vertically into the

calm sea. I opened my shood for a breath of fresh air and looked about the sky. There was no sign of either the enemy or my own flight. I was alone.

eloud, which was thin and mistry. Three Messerschmitts, flying in line astern; crossed in front of me—so close that I could see the black crosses on their wings and fuselage.

I opened fire on number three in the formation. We went round and round in decreasing circles as I fired.

his wings flew off. Black smoke came from his plane. He dived, and I fired one more burst at him, directly

I was lucky again. Pieces of

from astern. We were doing a phenomenal speed—then my ammunition gave out, just as the other two Messerschmitts attacked me.

I twisted and turned, but they were too accurate. could hear the thud of their

Pieces of my aircraft seemed to be flying off in all directions: my engine was damag-

Then came a cold stinging in my left foot. One of the Jerry bullets had found its

mark. I was about to dive to the sea and make my escape, low down, when the control cloumn became useless in my hand. Black smoke poured into the cockpit and I could

I knew that the time had come for me to depart. Everything after this was perfeetly calm. I was at about 10,000

lifted my sent, undid my strap and opened the hood. The wind became my ally. A hand—actually the slip-stream catching under my helmet—scemed to lift me out of the cockpit.

feet, but some miles out to sea. I

It was a pleasant sensation. I was in mid-air-floating down so peacefully in the cool breeze that had to remind myself to pull my ripcord and open my parachute. When the first jerk was over I swung like a pendulum. This was not so pleasant, but I soon settled down, and I was able to enjoy a full view of the world below—the beach, some miles away, with barrage is up. soldiers—the long lines of villas.

THERE was no sensation of speed L but the ripples on the water became bigger, the soldiers on the

beach came nearer. T CLIMBED back into the I floated down one of the Messerschmitts appeared. The pilot cir-. patterns. cled round me, and I was just, a little alarmed. Would he shoot? Well-he didn't. He behaved plop. quite well. He opened his hood, avaved to me and then dived towards the sea and made off towards

> The wind was still friendly. was carrying me in towards the beach. 'I took out my eigareites and lit one with my lighter without any difficulty.

> Ages' seemed to pass. I threw away the eigarette as I came nearer and nearer to the coast. I could hear the raiders passed sirensand, passing over the houses on the sea-front, I could see the people looking up at me.

I had descended to about 1.000 feet. I began to sway a little and I could hear my parachute flapping. . For the first time since the enemy pilot circled around me I became

anxious. Well, the journey ended in a cucumber frame-after I had push-

The Great Famine Has Begun

UROPE'S Great Famine. forecast for this winter, has already begun. The Nazi Press is boasting of

it openly. "The standard of living of the Dutch people," says the Deutsche Volkswirt, " must be lowered if the conquered country is to supply Germany with food."

"The food supplies in the Danish storehouses have been exported to Germany," says the . Vocikischer Beobachter.

"All Dutch supplies will be plas being sent," says the Deutsche placed at the service of the German Allgemeine Zellung. people," says the Frankfurter Zci-

"In occupied France," says the Nazi-controlled Radio Luxemburg, "the har-yest is being supervised by German organisations." "All agricultural produce and all codstuffs are being requisitioned," says the German official news agency.

The Nazis boast that food in Germany 's now pientiful. Rations are being increased in the Reich—and correspondingly reduced in the conquered countries.

Steadily and systematically the work of plunder is going on. The Germans are to be fed. If that means that Dutch and Beigians and French, Danes and Norwegians and Poles, starve-why should Germany worry? "Woe to the conquered!"

HUN'S HAND

The purpose of those sweeping in-vasions was double. Partly it was strategic. Partly it was sheer plunder. It has given the Relch, as Hitler himself bonsted in the Reichstag, "control ... of 70,000,000 people who can be nctive in the economic scheme." -The-platt-is-being-earried-out ruth

lessly. The conquered countries are being told that they must reorganise their whole economic life for the benefit of the conquerors.

France is warned that she is "over industrialised"; that she must shut down her industries, set her workers to grow more food-for German consump-

Holland is told that she must change her whole system of cattle farming. "The meat from the slaughter of cattle which becomes necessary," adds the Nazi Commissar-General, "will be taken over by the Reich."

Food for Germany, Privation, or even starvation for the Dutch. They must slaughter their cattle-and Germans will eat the meat. As it is with Holland, so it is with hapless Denmark.

Again hear the Nazis boasting of what they are doing to the Danes. "Denmark is sending us 45,000 barrels of butter a week-more than she used to send to England," cries the

Saarbrucken radio. "Deliveries of eggs and butter and livestock from Denmark are exceptionally big. Indeed, there are too many

"Ten thousand head of Denmark's breeding cattle are to be sent to Germany," says the Transocean Agency.

FOR GERMANY

Food for Germany. Food for the Germans. Increased rations to keep the German people from grumbling, from naking what they are gaining from these military victories.

Food to tide them over the coming winter. . . After that, it may get difficult. You cannot slaughter cattle twice.
Food—for the time being—for Ger-

many. What of Denmark? A third of her livestock has already gone to Germany, according to American reports to President Roosevelt. Half her pigs and poultry are to be slaughtered. There is a deficiency

already of one-third in normal breadstuffs and fodder grain. The agricultural situation, says another reliable report, "is becoming

With cruel insolence, the German propaganda pretends to the world that Denmark is being benefitted.

Her export trade is increasing. Is that not splendld for her? It might be if these big compulsory exports to the Reich were being paid for. But, for the most part, they are not paid for-except in paper. This is not export trade. It is just

How is it done? Something, of course, the Reich sends in exchange to Denmark. It must send coal and oil, or the whole machinery would break down, and there would be no plunder.

It sends, in goods, the minimum necessary to keep the wheels turning for German profit.

PROMISE PAPER

But the greater part of the loot is elther not paid for at all, or the Danes are made to pay for it themselves.

Before the invasion. Denmark was in debt to Germany. That has been wiped out, and a big Oerman debt to Denmark (which Germany has not the least intention of paying) has taken its

For the rest, payment has been made in German promissory notes. Already there are many million pounds' worth of this useless paper in Denmark.
And now the unhappy Danish Govern-

ment has been ordered, in effect, to make the Danish people pay them off. The Danish Government is to issue a special credit in Danish krone to cover these Reichscreditkassescheine. The result of that (never mind the technicallties of it for the moment) is going to be a serious inflation of the Danish

Prices will rise. The unhappy Dane will pay more for everything. And the extra amount he pays will in fact be payment for all that the Germans have

It is a device typical of Dr. Schacht, Hitler's financial schemer, Estimates are not easy. But from all the evidence to be had there is good reason to believe that the German loot out of Denmark in three months must tot up in value to something like £20,000,000.

That is from Denmark alone. The same thing is being done in all the other countries that the Nazl army has conquered.

For a time the plunderers are going to do pretty well out of their conquests. But only for a time. Plundered lands soon cease to yield. Germany may tide herself over the coming winter this way:

but hardly much longer. Hitler is pinning his hopes on getting peace this year. Oermany is going to live on her conquests. .But what of the people the Nazis are robbing? For them the outlook is famine or something

desperately close to it. The Germans know that; but they do not care. Indeed, they are trying to profit by the very misery of their victime.

They are trying to persuade America that this misery will be the result of the British blockade. They are trying to induce American philanthropy to send food for hungry Belglans-more food that can be stolen and fed to

There will be hunger all over occupied Europe this coming winter and spring. ... There will be starvation in some

It will be because the German armies and the Nazi Commissars have stolen the food of the people

they have overrun.

Crossword Puzzle

ANNWER TO PREVIOUS PURZLE

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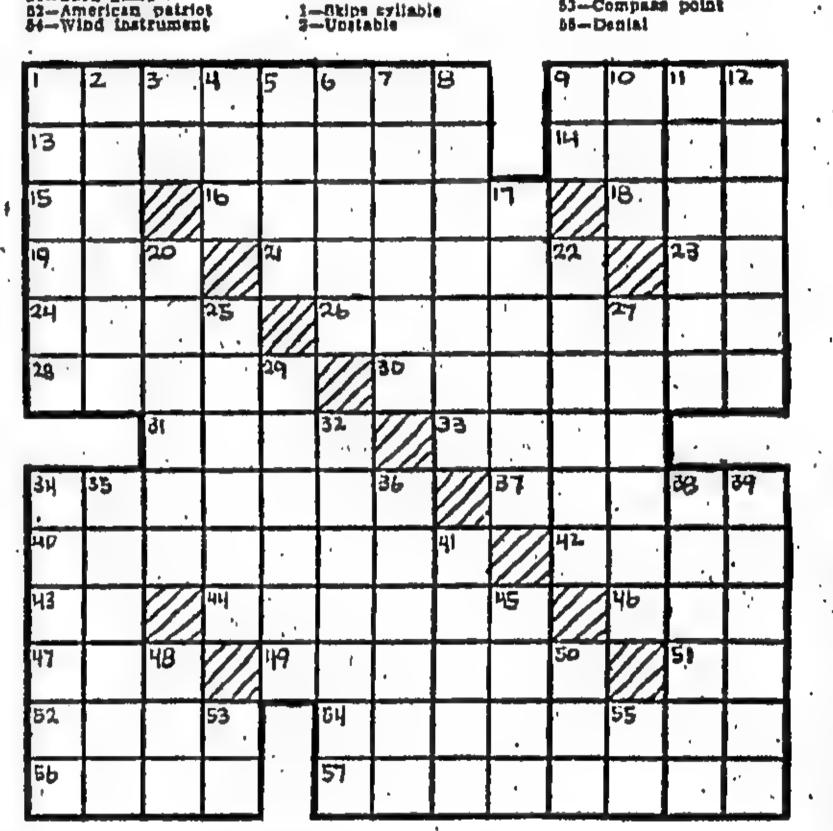
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Another instalment from the no shrapnool. Gah, yow Jerries! you didn't notice it. Cup o' diary of a journalist who en- Just let me get one smack at char 'ere; cup o' char there. But now, blimey, you notice the listed in the Guards.

round us searching lights shoot most of us would have yelled look at my bed and said, Hell. up, bounce off clouds, and swing blue murder if we were asked Three boards, and a donkey's I had one minute of anxiety. As to and fro, making strange to sit on a wet chair. Now, look breakfast. But now! Well, tho

Something goes past; then

"Shrapnel," says the man say. from Leicester. "I ain't frit o'

ed myself free of a house with my good food. And now I come to a pleasant recollection-in spite of my injur-

ed foot and my painful landing. The people in that seaside town were wonderful. A woman, appeared with a cup of tea-in one second. Then a policeman with a whisky and toda.

I drank the whisky and soda

I remember one amusing incident as I was lifted into the ambulance. A little boy of seven come over to me with eigerettes, and he said: "Good luck, sir, When I grow up I'm going to be an airman, too."

THE sky twinkles like a I look for a more comfortable could do with one now."

spangled skirt in a sport bit of mud to lean against. Old light. It is ack-ack fire. The Silence says: "It's funny."

taste of a nice cup o' cle could do with one now."

"Ah," says the Man taste of a nice cup o' char. I Yorkshire. "And take beds."

"What's funny?" The guns sound like blankets "The way you get accustomed" "When I first come," says the being vigorously shaken. All to things. Three months ago Bedfordshire Boy, "I took one at us-sitting in puddles, and other day I got a different matglad of the chance tress. I swiped yours, Charlie."

> "It makes you realise the im- "Why, you -," says the Lad portance of everyday things," I from the Elephant; and uses

Old Silence replies: "You're when I came to lie down on it light. Take things like air-and I couldn't sleep. There was an daylight. I was coming along extra couple of straws in it, it went. The blinds were pulled "It only goes to show." says

sounded, and the blinds went "Sell me half of your bar o' up. I never saw so much de-chocolate," says the Bedfordlight taken in a little bit of shire Boy. ordinary daylight and a few "No, but I'll give 'ee a bit," breaths of not very fresh air." says the Man from Yorkshire.

"Ah," says the Man from

bad words.

"-I swiped yours, and then

"It only goes to show," says the Man from Yorkshire, "Ten miles on, the All Clear Silence, except for the guns.

"Take tea," said the Lad "No, no, that's all right."

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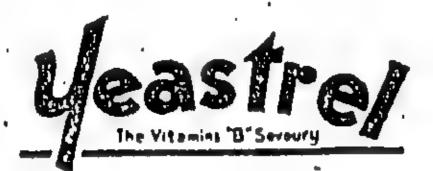
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BRITAIN AND THE U.S.

attendant upon the war in Mediterranean. were quite heavily against us.

fact, which characteristically cupied the weight of prejudice against him enemy. was so heavy that it will not all be dissipated for some years. One American lecturer remarked that it is still necessary for him to point out that the Englishman is a complete ass before he gains the sympathy of his audience poses in fighting Hitler! By take." such devious means the inherent distrust of Americans for the English must be overcome even to-day when most of the two peoples realise that our common a common anti-authoritarian front.

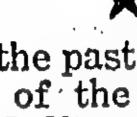
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tions on Italy, engineered the in Europe.

Major Alexander De Seversky

says.

In the following article, specially written for the United Press, the noted acroplane designer and recent recipient of the Harmon Trophy as outstanding airman of 1939, discusses the importance of air power in connection with the fight between the British and the Axis nations for domination of the Eastern Mediterrancan, now centred in the battles in Greece and in the Western Desert.



the Mediterranean area revolved around Gibraltar, Malta, Haifa and Alexandria. But air power once again, in the unfolding campaign 'of this crucial area, will recast the old and accepted strategic maps of the world.

in the past. Yet to-day that region. the pivotal point in the the Eastern Mediterranean too with the situation only by lacks the pursuit fighters to congreat struggle for Mediter-dangerous for the British fleet, bringing their superior air voy his bombers effectively. ranean mastery. That is That is the sense in which Crete strength to the shores of the Hitler must therefore make up where the decisive air battles to the Mediterranean under the correction where the correction was short to the Mediterranean under the correction who can be short to the Mediterranean under the correction who can be short to the Mediterranean under the correction who can be short to the Mediterranean under the correction who can be short to the Mediterranean under the correction who can be short to the Mediterranean under the correction who can be short to the Mediterranean under the correction where the correction was a short to the Mediterranean under the correction where the correction was a short to the Mediterranean under the correction was a short to the Mediterranean under the correction was a short to the Mediterranean under the correction was a short to the Mediterranean under the correction was a short to the Mediterranean under the correction was a short to the Mediterranean under the correction was a short to the Mediterranean under the correction was a short to the Mediterranean under the correction was a short to the Mediterranean under the correction was a short to the Mediterranean under the correction was a short to the Mediterranean under the correction was a short to the Mediterranean under the correction was a short to the correctio of the campaign are shap-modern conditions of air power. In the Mediterranean, the ing up. One look at the just as the strategic naval Italians have been confronted ing up. map discloses how Crete, bases were keys to their with a parpallel problem. The But contrary to popular c heretofore an inconspicuous particular areas under conditions superior British fleet was free to island, viewed to -day of sea power. through the glasses of air THE LESSON OF The increasing warmth of power, becomes the logical Anglo-American relations is one commanding centre of the of the most satisfactory features entire eastern half of the

ITALY'S GREAT MISTAKE

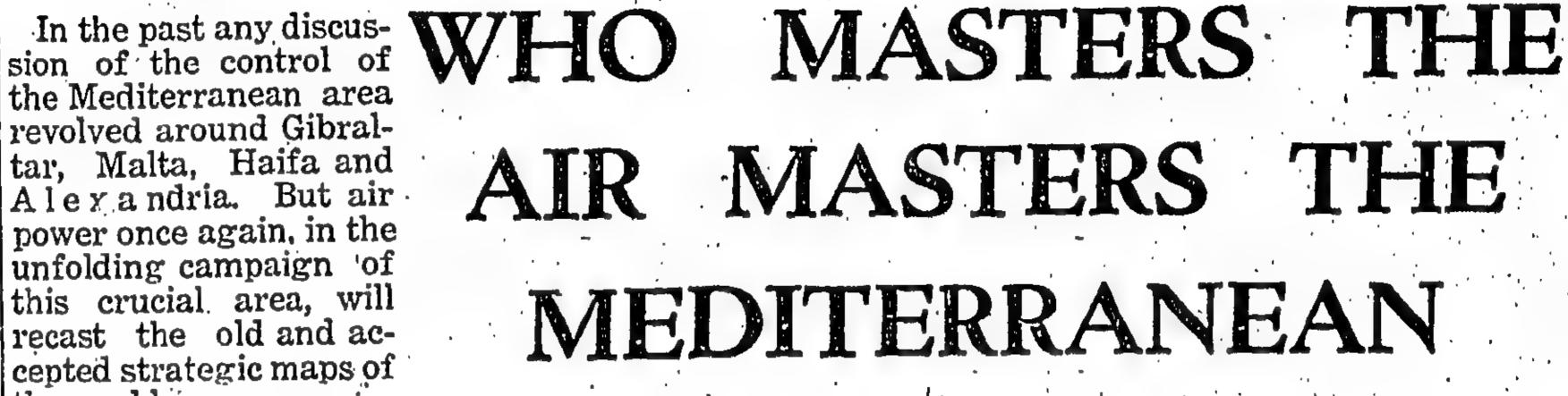
The occupation of Crete gives the British distinct immediate advantages. The success which the British and Greek forces sufficiently to lead on to the use have scored against Italy to date America can make of these prompt observers to label the "stooges" for their own pur- Italian undertaking a "great mis-

> The fact, of course, is that Italy was led to act in Greece. just as Germany had to act in Norway, by the logic of their larger plans.

Both enterprises were nehappiness can only be gained by cessary. "next steps" in the attempt by the Axis to meet British sea supremacy with the The history books on both only counter-weapon they possides of the Atlantic have been sess, namely their air power. the most potent sources of In Scandinavia their task was to

they blatantly misled school- attack on the new Soviet, split children as to the course of his- the Irish and so on. The only tory and played up their national anti-British propaganda that can triumphs to the derogation of have much force just now is that other countries. To that vast of the Axis minorities and the bulk of people who never learnt | Dies Committee has done much

For the rest we shall let the books undoubtedly raised a fog voice of the working man speak of confusion and lies which to his opposite number across the oceans and let them with un-In America there are more cultivated tongues, speaking European minorities than in any. from the forge and factory other country and most of them | where they work long hours uncan recall through their mother complainingly to arm democracy countries many reasons for dis- against the Axis, tell each other liking Britain. It was Britain Anglo-American friendship will who thwarted Dutch dreams be of sterner stuff in future. of Empire, smashed Kaiser That relationship must be part Wilhelm's aspirations, put sanc- of Mr. Churchill's "new order"



Little mention, for encircle the British Isles, and in Last April the Germans had and impressive striking power, instance, was made of Crete Greece it is to encircle the Sucz determined to deny the British but they are extremely vulner-

island, to the southeast of Axis control of Crete as an and lacking the necessary sea they lack defensive armament. Greece, seems destined to be aviation stronghold would make power, the Germans could cope Even more important, Mussolini

NORWAY

Europe. In its political phase Therefore, the ability of has profited from the experience across the Mediterranean. this friendship means of course, the British, with the support of the Norwegian reverses. It therefore became essential, at line of operating bases quite close that our eventual victory is of local Greek forces, to knows that to control Crete it almost any price, to bring Axis to its targets. certain, whereas before the odds hold the island of Crete is must prevent establishment of air force into play against thus emerging as the critical nearby airdromes in southern British sea power. A talk with well informed question in the Mediterra-More important, it has learned AXIS AIR POWER and establish new aerodromes.

Mericans recently, elicited the moon, enigma. Having, oc-the envised leagen that it cannot Americans recently, elicited the nean enigma. Having oc-the crucial lesson that it cannot the rely on its fleet air arm (the Italian aviation could not val of more than a month never fails to surprise the problem of the British now carrier-based aviation) against manager this alone. We may between the occupation of Englishman, that he personally is to hold it against the air land-based enemy aircraft. Un-take it for granted that Norwegian coastal points by the less Britain can meet the com- Mussolini is merely clearing the British and their expulsion by was in very bad odour with his offensive that is unquestion- less Britain can meet the com- mussoling is meet the collaboration of Nazi air attack. American cousin. In fact the ably being prepared by the threat with its own air power, German aviation. The Italian Another such time interval is it will be merely a question of hombers—such as the Piaggio, just as unavoidable before the

the use of Scandinavian waters, able to pursuit attacks because

time before the fleet must re- the Caproni and the Savoia, combined German-Italian aviatire as it did in the North Sea. Marchetti-have a long reach tion can go after Crete.

other fighters to give the Axis, But contrary to popular conmove in neutral but friendly ception, most of the equipment. Greek waters. This interfered of German air power is unable

seriously with Italy's life lines to carry on except at fairly close to Lybia and to the Dodecanese range. It is by no means a self-Islands. The Fascist overland sufficient air arm, having been campaign against Egypt was built for co-ordinated action. We must assume, however, bogging down because of British with land forces. To extend its that the British high command harassment of the supply lines operations, German ayiation, as

> The result is that German aviation can advance only as fast as it can move its supplies

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIONS

In both cases costly land operations would have been unnecessary if the Axis had possessed genuine air power, with the range and striking force (bomb loads) entirely possible at the present stage of aeronautic science. We must see to it that the implications of. this are fully understood and taken into consideration by those responsible for the planning of our own American air defence. They must realize that there is a big difference between genuine self-dependent air power and an air force conceived primarily as an adjunct of some other arm. This difference is growing even bigger with the rapid progress of aeronautics.

Overwhelming British naval superiority in the Mediterranean will be as irrelevant as it proved. to be in the Norweglan campaign. The air factor will tell the story.

Much will depend, obviously, on the measure in which Churchchill can divert air force from the battle of Britain to reinforce the Mediterranean positions. In that sense the battle of Britain complements the Greek came. naign. That is the chief reason. in fact, why Hitler must keep up his attack on the British Isles."

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We could skate over-if it would get_cold enough to freeze the Channel." (In the "Chicago Daily Times.")

EAST DEFENCE

MORE TROOPS AND MORE MUNITIONS

"Mr Churchill told me that we would hold Singapore no matter what happened. We must never be satisfied with our defence preparations. Our efforts to improve them still further, and to make them yet more complete, must never cease."

These were among the statements made by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert | the Dover Patrol slid through the Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command, in an interview with the

"Singapore Free Press."

"I feel sure that Britain will continue to grow in strength in the Far East," said Sir Robert, "We may expect reinforcements in men and material — a stronger army and a bigger air force. As you know a lot has already been done in this direction recently, but the trend will continue.

JAPAN'S DESPAIR Confession Of An Officer

"unless some radical change and Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril occurs in the world situation in future" is seen by Colonel Hayao everything about the Far East at his Mabuchi, Chief of the Army finger tips," the C-in-C said. Press section, in an article in the "Although he is naturally preoc- Sir Robert Brooke-Popham "Nichi Nichi." in which he warns the Japanese against com- obviously devotes every minute he placency and over-optimism.

country seem to have the idea that Singapore. He told me that we would conclusion of the tripartite alliance hold Singapore no matter what haphas turned the international trend in pened. favour of Japan, but in my opinion this is now stendily drifting towards the other direction-favourable to the in future.

Military Defeat Insufficient not be comprehended thoroughly by that," mere common sense. Japan is fight- Sir Robert then went on to outline

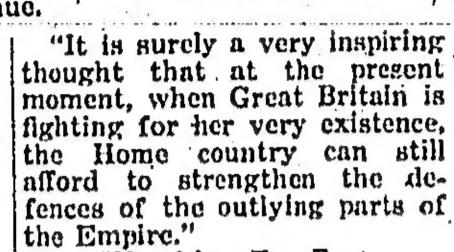
people with a flaming love for their fare. country. Standing behind them are Britain. America and other countries which the anti-Japan camp in Chungking has been making. The Japanese Army has brought a feeling that Japan has already won a victory over

reconstruct through peace and the air force officers. other through fighting to the last. Both intend to make China an independent country.

this respect the Japanese should not see China and the Chinese through a glass darkened by prejudice and dogmatic views. It is all some army men and some air force Phosphate For very well for Japan to advocate the men. establishment of a new order in East Asia or the construction of greater East Asia and the prosperity of the sphere, but it would be of no good unless Japan becomes powerful enough to execute these projects by itself if need be.

Pieces of Paper -

"It is no time for the people of this ters. country to indulge themselves in mean struggles in pursuit of the'r own interests. It is high time for them to push forward vigorously not only for the settlement of the present China affair but for the establishment power with all their might."



Watching Far East

· Before leaving England to assume his command, Sir Robert had lunch TOKYO, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .- with the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Little hope for an early collapse | Churchill. General Sir John Dill, the of the Chungking Government Chief of the Imperial General Staff

"Mr Churchill seemed to have cupied with events in Europe and in particular the Battle for Britain, he can spare to watching the Far East. Far He says: "Many people in this "Mr Churchill knew all about

No Effort Spared

"He said that I could rest assured Chungking regime. For Britain and that there would be a continuous America have finally determined to and steady flow of men and munihelp out the Chungking Government tions to the countries within the area Singapore to-day. following the conclusion of the of my command and that no effort tripartite pact, and accordingly there would be spared to make Singapore, is little hope for a total collapse of the Malay peninsula and all the other that regime unless some radical British countries of East Asia as spection of defences. change occurs in the world situation strong and as well defended as was humanly possible.

"Yes, Mr Churchill certainly has The present China affair is com- his eyes on Singapore and the Far plicated-so complicated that it can- East. You can be perfectly sure of

ing the troops of General Chiang Kai- the responsibilities of his new post shek on the soil of China but defeat and the scope of the work which has of these troops will not bring about a been allocated to him. Unity of solution of the current Sino-Japanese command for the army and air force in Burma, Malaya, and Hongkong, "Most of the Chinese now collected he said, had become necessary The Chamber of Deputies, after under the banner heisted by Chiang especially because of the growing three days of secret debate. represent the cream of the Chinese importance of the acroplane in war-

Defence Requirements "The development of air strategy," foreign policy. which intend to maintain the old or- he said "has altered our conception well be the concern of two or three parations. separate commands."

into two great camps. One seeks to a composite staff of naval, army and loyally carrying out the Treaty.

"In some ways this is an entirely ment with the speech from the new departure in staff organisation. Throne at the opening session It is not so much a joint staff of re- Parliament when Sabry Pasha (then presentatives of the various Services Prime Minister) collapsed and died. as one single staff of officers some of whom happen to be navai men,

"All the officers have had some! experience of linison work with the other Services and are able to speak the other man's language. There are no watertight compartments between. the different Services in my staff."

The new C-in-C made it clear that his appointment did not mean that "If Japan has no real strength, any the responsibility of the Malaya liably learned that the Japanese will treaties and agreements Japan may Command for Iceal defence had in soon fully exploit the Laokay phosconclude with other countries would any way been changed, and Lt-Gen. phate mines. A high Japanese offibe nothing more than piece of waste Bond, G.O.C., Malaya, and his staff cial who recently returned from an paper as has been proved by Ger- would continue to deal with the inspection of the mines declared that

Shanghai Smallpox

of a super-defence of the state by communique that querantine restrict possible. Since the cutting of the speeding up the rearmament of the tions have been imposed against railroad by the Chinese the income country and expanding productive arrivals from Shanghai on account of has been insufficient for its upkeep.

China Observes Yunnan Uprising

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (Central News).—Chinese yesterday marked the 25th anniversary of the Yunnan Uprising, which was led by Generals Tsai Ao and Tang Chi-yao in 1915 to overthrow Yuan Shih-kai's monarchy.

More than 600 government inational unity, and undermine the Chungking under the chairman- the French Concession in Shanghal follows: ship of President Lin Sen.

of General Staff, delivered the prin- establishments on Nanking Road. cloud speech in which he exhorted All Chinese schools, factories, and the Chinese to stronger solidarity and business concerns had a holiday but to continue the present war of resist- no ceremonies were held. any activity that may jeopardise the quietly:

the National flag was displayed and patriotic handbills were distributed General Pal Chung-hal, Vice-Chief in theatres and other amusement

once and national? reconstruction Strict precautionary measures were under the leadership of Generalissimo taken by the police against unloward Chiang Kal-shek. He warned against incidents. The day, however, passed



East Command C.-In-C. Here

Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brookt-Popham, the newly appointed. Commander-in-Chief of the Com-bined British Forces in the Far East nrrived in Hongkong by steamer from

Sir Robert Brooke-Popham will confer with the heads of the services in the Colony and carry out an in-

EGYPT'S VIGILANT DEFENCES

CAIRO, Dec. 26 (Reuter) .-passed by 122 to 68, a vote of confidence in the Government's

The Prime Minister, Sirry der in East Asia by helping out the of defence requirements. Aeroplanes Pasha, winding up the debate, Chungking regime in the struggle can move so fust, and new disposiagainst Japan. Japan should retions can be made so quickly that it
cognise fully the strenuous efforts is now vitally necessary to have one victory but that Egypt was incident and lost his left leg. He has command for an area which in the victory but that Egypt was days before air warfare might very continuing its defence pre-

Sirry Pasha sald that the Govern-"I have control of the military and ment's policy was based on fulfilment

R:A:F. forces-in-Malaya, Burma-and of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty and

"The Chinese te-day are divided Hongkong, and my staff of eight, is defence of the country. Egypt was

The debate revealed general agree-

Japan

Indo-China Exploitation BPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Dec. 26 (UP).-It is re-

phate for use as a fertiliser. The light railroad is probably unable to carry the amount of phosplate expected to be mined but boat of 1942. The Colonial Secretariat states in a transportation on the Red River is The French are very willing to negotiate its transfer.

The exploitation of the mines is expected to start immediately.

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Dover Patrol's Anti-Invasion Vigil Kept

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Perfect "Invasion" weather occurred in the Straits of Dover during Christmas and heavily armed guards were doubled against the possibility of a lightning German thrust through the blanket of mist covering the calm

Picked stroops combed the beaches while the crews of longrange guns were ready for instant action and the ships of mist keeping their day and night

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

Shops were as crowded as in peace-time. Music halls and several cinemas were opened and a public dance continued until midnight.

Britain stood on guard against invasion throughout the Christmastide. Vigilance Redoubled

While the unofficial air war "truce" was on, vigilance on the Channel pressing great satisfaction at the coast was redoubled. Arms workers virtual Christmas "truce," the fact sacrificed their holiday to ensure a that on Christmas Day there was no continued steady stream of muni-tions, and to-day also war factories were running at full speed and millions of factory workers and others in offices and public services were working for the first time on Boxing that this may be a symptom of the Day since the passing of the Bank to-day as when General Franco on Holidays Act of 1871. Poor Visibility

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter) .- Poor her position." man raids is the outcome of any came non-belligerent. official or unofficial understanding.

The following comment was made to-day: "The weather has been bad enough over the Channel. Low cloud; and fog have been the rule since Christmas Evc. Added to this, the nights have been particularly black and there is no moon. It would be idle to suggest that Christmas has not influenced those in command of have seen the usual activity."

There is a doubt that the personnel new post. of both the R.A.F. and the Luftwaffe He said that since the preliminary have welcomed the rest and it has work in the adjustment of relations been a factor of no small psychological between Japan and China had alfor a time and enjoy to the full the the two countries on November 30. season of peace.

Tokyo Bay Fortress |

New Commander

General Tsuneichi Kobayushi has China," he said. "After settling been appointed Commander-in-Chief down in Nanking I may tour North of the Tokyo Bay Fortress succeeding China and may return to Tokyo for Major-General Sadaichi Shioda who a visit and to report on conditions died recently: 4

and my impressions in China." Major-General Kobayashi, 52, was since recuperated from the wound.

New Naval Appointment

LONDON Dec. 26 (Reuter).-The appointment of Vice-Admiral John Cunningham as Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of Supplies and Transport was announced to-night.

During the last war Vice-Admiral' Cunningham was at sea practically 10.12 M. G. Carruthers, J. S. Dunnett. the whole time, taking part in, among 10.10 G. M. Park, S. L. Lloyd. the whole time, taking part in, among 10.40 Col. Shackleton, Capt. Barclay, other actions, the Dardanelles cam- 10.44 Major Temple, Major Morgan.

(Vice-Admiral John Cunningham 924 S. Tomlinson, A. V. Greaves, is not to be confused with Admiral Sir Andrew Brown Cunningham, Commander-in-chief of the Mediter- 10.25 J. R. Boussield, R. D. Gillespie.

U.S. AID AVALANCHE LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—If we can hold on during 1041, what the

United States can produce gives us News) .- Another Chinese official has Malayan governments in local mat- the Japanese will extract 500,000 the certainty of ultimate victory, been arrested for food speculation. Japan is badly in need of phos- his return to Britain from a tour of Anhaien, Szechwan. He is bring es-America. That aid will become a corted to Chengiu for trial. positive avalanche and will reach its . Fu Tze-ying, tectional chief of the climax next winter and in the spring Anhsien district government, who is

SPANISH FEELING

Meanwhile behind its ramparts Xmas Truce-Peace Dover enjoyed a peaceful holiday. Shops were as growled as I holiday. Symptom.

> MADRID, Dec. 26 (Reuter) .- The Pope's appent for peace has found a ready echo in Spain.

> Formerly a rather flery newspaper, the "Arriba," official organ, of the State Party, to-day has a leader ex-Consistent Status

The "Arriba" expresses the hope the first day of a war, examined the · conflict, continues unwaveringly in

visibility may have enforced the As a matter of fact in the speech Christmas bombing "truce," "Reu- referred to by "Arriba," General ter's" nir correspondent is informed. Franco ordered Spaniards to observe It is emphatically denied in London the strictest neutrality but, following that the absence of British and Ger- Italy's entry into the war; Spain be-

Japanese Envoy To Nanking

Talks of His "Mission"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Dec. 26 (UP).—The operations at all, but if the weather newly appointed Japanese Ambassahad been good, I think we should dor to Nanking, Mr Kumataro Honda. arrived this afternoon en route to his

importance that bombing crews have ready been done with the successful cen able to forget their war work conclusion of a basic treaty between his mission entailed bringing about closer co-operation between the Japanese and Chinese peoples in line with the policy outlined in the Pact. The 66-year-old Ambassador emphasised that he would discharge his duties in the letter and spirit of the Nanking-Tokyo Treaty, though he was not personally acquainted with the leaders of the National Gov-SPECIAL TO THE PRELEGIAPH! : ernment at Nanking. "I shall do my TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domei).—The utmost to discharge my duties to the War Office announces that Major-mutual benefit of both Japan and

Starting Times For Fanling

Sunday

OLD_COURSE 9.16 Final Club Championship.
9.20 A. Sommerfelt, K. S. Morrison.
9.24 A. K. Mackenzie, R. Young. A. Mack, D. I. Bosanquet. W. N. A. Smalley, D. S. Edward. A. McKellar, W. W. C. Shewan. T. Low, H. N. Williamion. 9.44 J. A. Parrish, A. W. Bourne, Hines, L. Jackson. D. H. Blake, F. A. Redmond. NEW COURSE

Food Speculation-

Miss Cuthbertson, M. A. Annett.

0.40 Miss Cuthbertson, M. A. Anne! 0.44 Miss Blackburn, J. G. Jensen.

CHENGTU, Dec. 27 (Central said Sir Walter Layton shortly after He is Kinng Tung, magistrate of said to be an accomplice, is detained.

"Times" Analyses New Nanking Note Issue

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Central News).—Commenting upon reports that the notes issued by the Japanese-controlled Central Reserve Bank in Nanking are to be interchangeable at par with the Chinese legal tender notes, the London "Times" envisages A total of \$1,516,760.01 was reach- another probably more dangerous bid for currency control by the ed yesterday by the War Fund in- Japanese in the "occupied" territory and a currency war in the tchange. Her chance under the The previous less ambitious note scheme now launched is increased by

Hsing Bank, the "Times" predicts, First, the new notes are to be made More than 600 government national unity, and undermine the people's morale.

The occasion was also observed in other cities in Free China, including nounces that the Flower Day organised Kunming, Kwelyang and Changsha.

Government Headquarters in In the International Settlement and Changsha.

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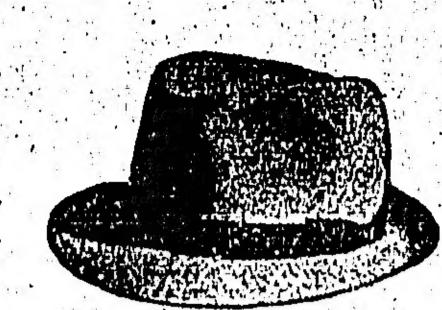
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Nevertheless London banking cir-| made by the British Under-Secretary cles are somewhat sceptical regarding for Foreign Affairs, Mr R. A. Butler, 'he character of the backing for the when announcing the British credit to

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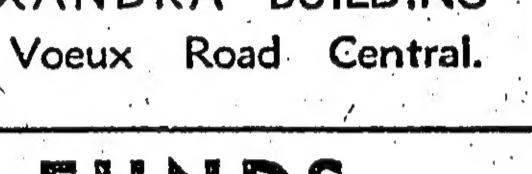


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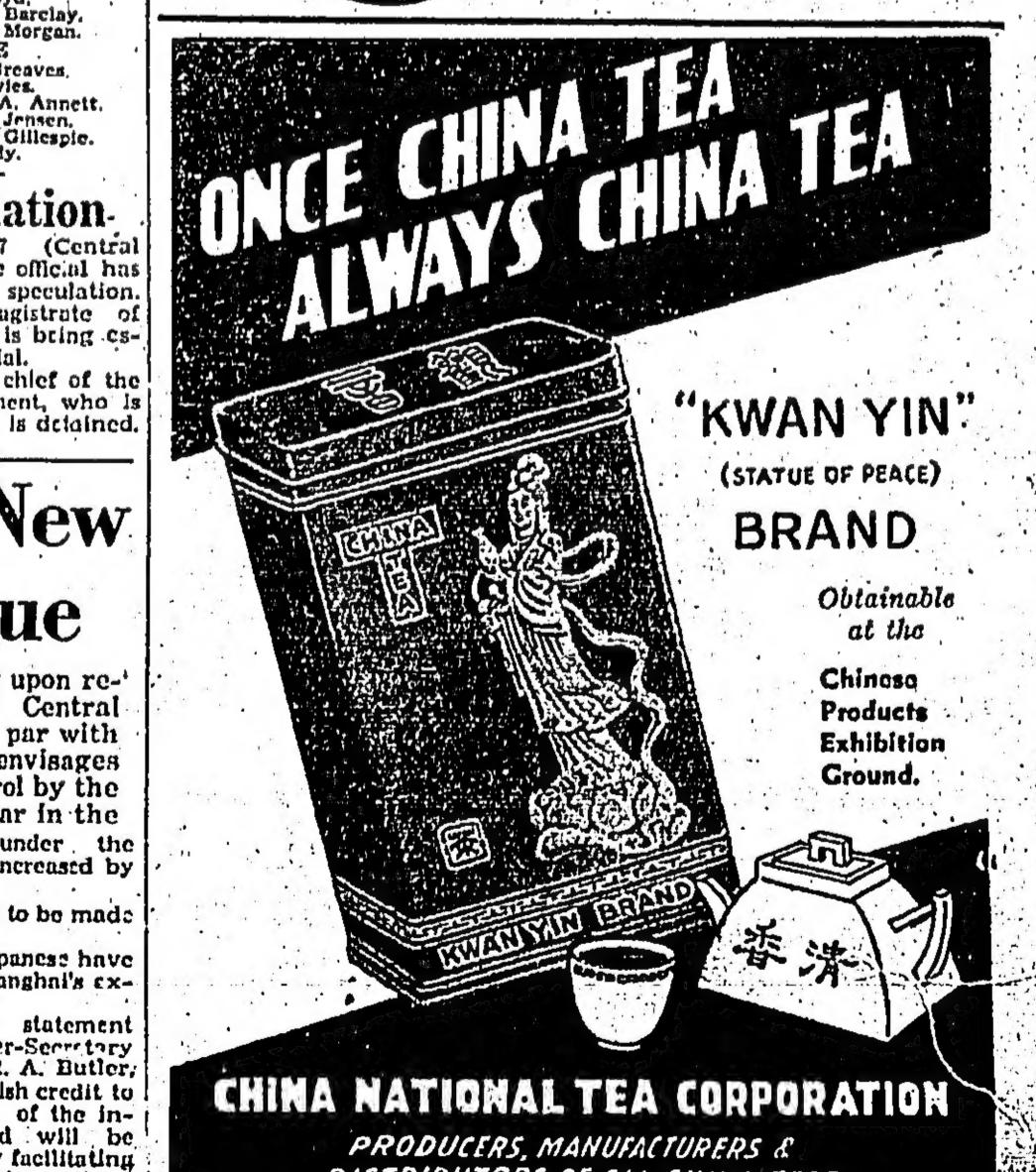
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Friday,

Defeated 3-2 With Ten Men: A. V. Gosano Injured Early in The Match

(By "SCRAMBLER")

Losing their backbone, A. V. Gosano, after fifteen minutes play, Portugal carried on their match in the semi-final round of the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup yesterday at Kowloon Football Club ground with ten men against England, after putting up a spirited resistance only to be beaten by a better team by the odd goal in five.

As long as "A. V." was with them, they more than held their own, and when this versatile "evergreen" player was injured in a collision with an English player, the Portuguese had to fight hard to avert a big defeat. It was to the credit of their defence that the score stood at that Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1317, and the latter at 17 had the on to his wicket. 146-3-52. figure, for time after time the abortive English raids were 1021.

were a diminuitive lot, and what way up in aiding the attack. Britt they lacked in size was made up was none too steady against Campos by their speed. The forwards of stopping several dangerous raids. played well at times, but there Roughley and Freshwater partnered was not the same understanding each other well, their first time as was evinced in the English tackling and clearances were very side. Playing with only four effective. forwards during the greater part at outside right found himself in a of the game, T. Alves should strange position, and although he did have been more on the alert and not send across many useful centres, his weak clearances were a his partnership with Le Page had the Home Rugger source of relief to the English Portuguese defence on tenterhooks. defence when they were on the standing with his other men. Hendy attack.

C. Santos too was weak, and should the English supporters. The same have parted with the ball earlier on could be said of Saw. Bickford was many occasions. The live wire was the better of the two wingers, sendin J. Gomes who was for ever a ing across many centres although he source of worry to the Englishmen. He would forage for the ball way back in the defence and then bring that was required of him. up same for the other forwards to threaten the English citadel. H. Campos played as well as was to be expected, and his runs down the side line were always fraught with

Sound Defence

In defence, the Portuguese more than held their own. The coverings and clearances of D. Alves were a revelation to the eye, and he was the means of stopping many a threatening situation. He was ably supported by C. F. Remedios, B. Gosano taking over the duties of his elder drive that had Marques diving. K. T. Oei, two down, was second. brother in the centre half position Playing still with ten men, Portugal played as a third back, and lent! admirable support. The wing halves of Maxwell and Pereira were always to the fore. They had their share in marking the attack and were always covering their backs when being attacked. V. M. Marques in goal delighted the speciators with many bril-Hant saves playing as he did in a strange position. He had much more to do than his opposite number, who nevertheless did what was required of him. Had it not been for Robinson's daring in goal, the English team might have had to play off.

Steady Trio

back trio that was the mainstay of net.

scored the "hat trick" and his distributions and footwork delighted found in Maxwell a thorn to his doings. As stated, Robinson did all

Even First Half

The ball was swung from one end to the other. Both citadels were visited in turn, and after fifteen minutes of even play, A. V. Gosano was carried off the field after a collision with an English player. Not long after, Campos when going through on his own missed an open goal, having only Robinson to beat.

from a pass by Bright, Hendy went through to score with a right foot all square. retaliated strongly, and B. Gosano's pass to T. Alves found the last named player taking a pot at goal only to see Robinson making one of his spectacular saves. Not long after Portugal obtained the equaliser, as from a shot taken by Gomes, Robinson was rushed and Santos had only to tap the ball into an empty net.

After the change over, Santos was put through on his own, and with only Robinson in his way, he shot wide. At the other end, Marques twice saved magnificently from Hendy and Saw and with the Eng-

their display, for although being Undaunted by this reverse, the moment on political grounds. worrled they were nover flustered, Portuguese went about their work and always came off with the better with a will, and from one of their end. Pope, Bright and Britt were sporadic raids, Campos went through

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Wanderers And Club Draw

Cash Sweep Winners At Fanling

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 262, 8, 1015. No. 1161 483 189.49 Unplaced ponies (\$50 each). Nov. 646, 1262, 23, 762, 993, 1133. RACE 3. \$1,635.81 473.09

1601, 1123, 1515, 562, 1052, 205, 452, 794, 100 HACE 6 \$1,830,64 Unplaced ponies (\$50 ench); Nos. 603, 1510, 1807, 201, 1707,

Results

16 Welsh XV Gloucester 26 Army XV. Home Countles Rest of England

Public Schools 14 Public Schools

Bogey Pool At Sheungshiu

Miss A. A. Sequeira (20) won a Bogey Pool competition at the Returning to the attack, the Eng- Country Club, Sheungshiu, at backward point (call it gully if lish team secured the lead, when yesterday, finishing with a score you will) for a nice innings of two

India v. Ceylon Cricket Match

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 (Reuter). India began a three-day match against Ceylon to-day. Batting first, India made 251, of which C. K. Naidu, the captain, made 29. By close of play Ceylon had gathered three for 96.

At the end of the third day, of the pentangular cricket tournament at lish players doing most of the attack- Bombay, the Moslems had made 381 ing. Hendy when in possession (Mushtaqu Ali 110) and two for 18. The English team was sound with- swerved and evaded two players to The Rest had made 202 and 226 (Amire out being brilliant. It was the half place the ball into the corner of the Lahi seven for 101). The Hindus withdrew from the tournament at the last

Softball Contributes To "Bomber Fund"

About \$200 for the Bomber Fund Knight. He nearly had Grose c. & b. was collected yesterday at Kowloon in his first over, but it was Football Club where the Greybeards a red-hot drive and went subdued the Juveniles 17 to 14 in a through his hands to his tummy softball tilt.

No one knows what the score was owner. in the nightcap in which the lasses battled with the Kowleon Kops, but it was generally agreed that a big time was had. Canuckette Dot Louey was overcome with the large bat which the Kops brought out to the park, but there were no casualties.

Volunteers XI

The following will represent the Volunteers in an all-day cricket match against the Royal Scots at Sookunpoo on Sunday, starting at 11 slip. o'clock:

L. T. Ride, K. J. Attwell, K. M. ing very nicely, completed his 50. Baxter, N. D. Booker, D. Hung, D. His hooking on off-turners was de-McLellan, N. A. E. Mackay, A. E. lightful, and both feet were almost Perry, D. O. Parsons, W. Stoker and outside the off-stump. . Zimmern.

to equalise with a hot grounder which Robinson touched but could not stop. The English team kept up an incesannt attack, but the good work of the Portuguese defenders kept them at bny, and towards the close of the game Saw's shot was blocked by the defenders. However, Hendy com-pleted his "hat-trick" to give the

PORTUGAL: V. M. Marques; C. Grose had played a preity forcing Queen's Park Innings. The only chance I saw was Rangers V. Gosano, J. J. Pereira; H. Campos, the drive that hit McLellan in his from close in. C. Santos, B. Gosano, J. Gomes, T. tummy

Splendid Century By J. E. Richardson

Batsmen Trounce Bowlers

(By "R. Abbit")

IN CONTRAST to the foul weather of Christmas Day, Boxing Day gave perfect cricket weather. The drizzle of the previous day caused the pitch to take spin. However, the Club batsmen did not find it too difficult.

misfortune to be yorked by Head

mid-wicket off Alec Pearce.

Dicky's Century

tred in whether Blehardson would seemed open. get his century before lunch. He | Cricket grew dull, except when that the fur began to fly.

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter) — galore. A few difficult chances were bowled. 206-6-12. Results of rugby matches played to- that the bowling was not of very high quality, but both batsmen forced 0 the game excellently.

taken with Richardson 137 and ten shots were boundaries. 3 Perry 28—both not out.

After Tiffin

ON the resumption, runs still came but at 242 Richardson was nicely caught and bowled by Alcol Pearce, who took the ball righthanded level with his shoulder-242-3-144

Owen Hughes came in and still runs came. At 270 Perry hit out at Dowar and was very smartly taken short of his half-century, 270-4-48. Club went on and runs still came net no more wickets and Club declar- out and Peal 2 not out. Hughes being 31 and Bosonquet 20 lent fighting innings, hitting power-

-The-Wanderers---

THERE seemed a certain doubt about the name of the opposing side, but I was told I might call it used more, and I am not sure the Wanderers.

opened the batting and Knight bowl- have worked, but then it might not. ed at the Yard end. Pearce took a four through the slips. Owen-sort of replay as far as possible on Hughes bowled at the other end. He New Year's Day, when L. T. Ride bowled John Pearce and Grose start- will captain the Club side in the ed to settle down.

To send the 40 up Grose hit a hope to report it. couple of beautiful off-drives to the J. E. Richardson, e and b T. Pearce . 14 four fours and two singles. The 50 was holsted in 22 minutes.

Bowling Change

LLOYD then went on vice Owen-Hughes, while McLellan relieved Kilbee, N. D. Lloyd, G. J. P. Carey did greatly to the objection of the tummy

At 70, Alec Pearce was dropped by second slip off Dewar-a difficult chance. Both batsmen settled down one. Finnle and Dewar bowled a noto play very good cricket.

Just after the 100 went up, Alec D. C. E. Grose, e Kilbee b Perry Pearce skied one behind second alip and Owen-Hughes just got to it but the sun was in his eyes and he had to turn right round. He took the ball, as far as' I could see, on the top of his thumb and falled to hold A

He appeared to have damaged his hand and brought Ride into second

Just after, Grose, who was play-

AT 130 tea was taken and the game was held up for practically 20 minutes. In these short days, even if the tea interval cannot be cut out is should be reduced to a minimum. As it was Pearce and Grose had just about an hour to get nearly 200 runs. But it was not to be.

Englishmen victory when following by to the mid-wicket boundary and Albion up B. Gosano's miskick he scored Kilbee dashed along and held an ex- Hearts cellent catch. 142-2-72.

Alves.

Pearce completed his 50 and was of matches played in England yesterimmediately after dropped at midfreshwater; Pope, Bright, Britt; Fox, on. The box was doing well. But Burnley
Le Page, Hendy, Saw, Bickford.

It availed him little. He played Stockport

The following were further results of matches played in England yesterday:
Burnley
Stockport

Manchester C 2

Richardson and Knight opened on one from Knight and the ball shot

Bowling Change

he should have been caught at deep should have been five 4's, but on the other hand the one through the slips So all went merrily until at 123, should have been taken by first slip. when 106 runs had been added, Ride | Next over, Swyre let out at a wellwas I.b.w. He had scored a nice 44. pitched one from Owen-Hughes, and was well caught low down at mid-off

Without addition to the score, -AFTER this, interest chiefly cen- Freeman was bowled. The hutch

hit like a kicking horse, and soon Coombes hooked McLellan for four. put all doubts at rest. His hundred He shapes like a useful bat, but I do took him only 80 minutes. After not recall having seen him before. Hend on-drove Owen-Hughes out Perry was settling and runs came of the ground. Later in the same over, he hit right across one and was

Coombes' Fifty

COOMBES, however, went on With 229 on the board, lunch was stoutly and completed his 50, of which . At 125, Dewar was bowled by McLellan. 225-7-1.

Just after, Lloyd relieved Owen-Hughes, and Coombes welcomed him by cracking him to the squareleg boundary and then on-driving him for two. Then he put him behind square leg for another four, and straight drove him for 6. It seems to me that Coombes is a considerable acquision to Hongkong cricket.

Owen Hughes Again

OWEN HUGHES then relieved Mc-Lellan at the Yard end, but his first over was a maiden. Coombes hit Lloyd about pretty freely to send up but mostly in singles. The Wander- the 250, and stumps were drawn with ers' fielding improved, but they could 253 on the board .- Coombes 77 not ed at 308 for 4 wickets. Owen- Coombes had played a most excel-

> It was an excellent game with the batsmen on top. There were a lot of entches dropped, and no one was

outstanding with the ball. I thought Perry might have been should not have tried Richardson or J. L. C. Pearce and Major Grose Ride on Coombes early on. It might I understand that there will be a absence of Harry Owen-Hughes.

HONGRONG CRICKET CLUB

n. H. Griffiths, D. McLellan, L. D. nowling Analysis

J. Pearce 2 T. Penrce 10 Swyre Head bowled four wides and Swyre

THE WANDERERS J. L. C. Pearce, b Owen-Hughes H. Coombes, not out T L. Freeman, b Owen-Hughes Peal, not out Extras (B 25; LB 1; WB 2)

W. G. Finnie and Blaire did not bat.
Bowling Analysis Owen-Hughes 10 Lloyd McLellan 10

Home Football Results

Lloyd bowled two no-balls.

LONDON, Dec. 25 (Reuter),-Results of football matches played in Grose hooked Perry very strong- Scotland last Saturday were:

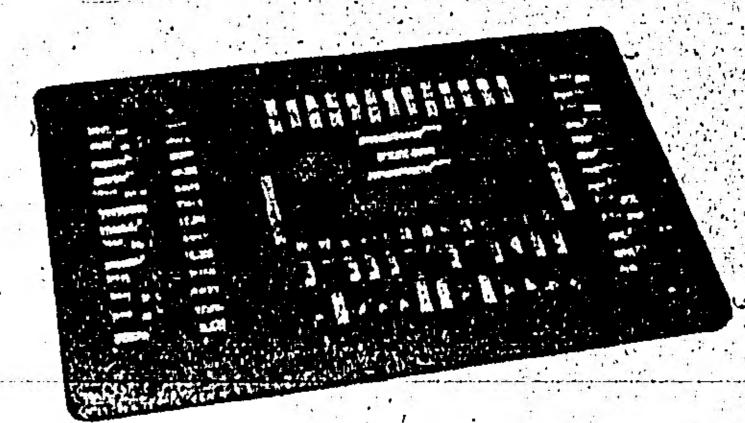
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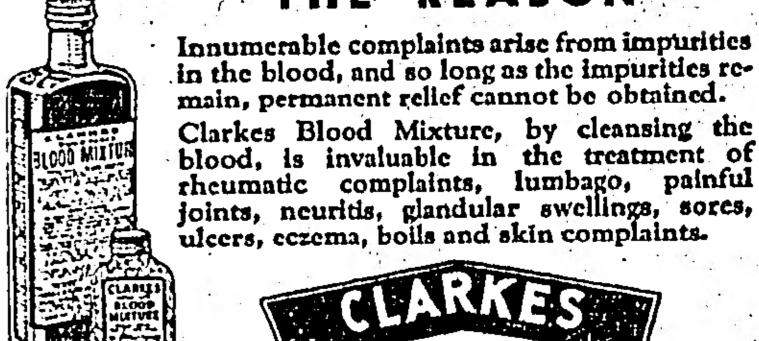
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Roosevelt Urged To Ensure Axis' Defeat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuter) .- More than 150 American citizens have urged President Roosevelt to "make it a settled policy of the United States to do everything that may be necessary to ensure the defeat of the Axis Powers," it was announced by the White House to-day.

In a letter to the President, the military, naval and air strength we group, which included editors, law- now have and the implements we can yers, educationists, actors and re- produce are enough to make certain ligious and labour leaders, appeals the defeat of the Axis Powers so long for everything possible to be done to as Britain is on her feet and fighting: promote "resistance to the plausible but that with Britain down, they are but fatal arguments of appearement," not enough and may not in future be evidently to let President Roosevelt increased enough to hold the whole know what they consider a large sec- world at bay,"

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Lifeboat Mystery

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP) .- Captain Joel Gomes, Captain of the Por-tuguese freighter Goncalo Vehlo, which docked here to-night, said he had sighted an empty lifeboat 200 miles east of the Azores marked "Hamburg."

The Hamburg-American Line owns been sunk.

Christmas Gift For China War Orphans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—The Golden Rule Foundation unnounced tion of the United States people would The signatories include. Hamilton to-day that it has cabled \$1,000 to like to hear in his broadcast on Sun-Fish, Republican Representative for Modame Chiang Kai-shek as an "extra The letter continues: "We ask you well-known New York lawyer, to tell us what we believe to be the truth—that materials of war and the son, the famous columnist.

New York, Henry Breckenridge, the Christmas gift" for China war orphans. They said they planned to send a larger sum on New Year's Day.

Three Notable Talks Over Air at Christmas

(By "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent) LONDON, Dec. 26.—There were three notable speeches 22,000 ton liner by that name but over the Christmas recess, all of extraordinary interest and there is no record that the ship has exceptional importance. The speakers were Mr Winston Chur-

> Mr Churchill's broadcast was addressed to the Italian people "with whom we are at war." It was a speech that could only be delivered by a man sure of his cause, sure of his strength. It was a frank statement of Britain's traditional mutual sympathy and in-

completely reversed by the attitude of a single man-Il Duce. The feeble answer put out by the Italian radio eyades the issues so plainly stated by Mr. Churchill, and simply reaffirms Fascist arguments based on Nazi concepts—young

terests have been envenomed and

chill, the Pope and King George VI.

people, lebensraum, right is might, Rifts In Unity There is, however, rather a tend-

ency to protest, too strongly for conviction, of the unity prevailing between the Army, the Fascist Party and the Royal Family. The supercession of so many high officers re-cently is proof of rifts in this unity. The Pope's address was also re-

ed from Rome at this season. Hi Holiness' summary of the five points which all true Christians should especially in the exceptional circums-tances of the Pope's position.

He brands the offence but does not mention the offender. Nobody who mutual goodwill could be reached moment, especially so hard upon the territories they have over-run. heel of Churchill's words, the address must have greatly intensified the strong influence his admonitions would have had in any case.

Food experts regard the position of fats as a very important one for a country's staying power and they say King's Speech

King George's speech was of a good indeed. different character as compared to political. His Majesty spoke as man overseas, to man, he spoke of the family, then Tea supplies are expected to last of home life and Christmas spirit, for many months to come. possibly be imagined.

Press & Radio Campaigns LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).-In broadcasts directed to Britain the German radio has been plugging away on the lines of: -"Why should

Britain go on with the war?" Several broadcasts have asserted really expect much to result from this 10d. peace propaganda especially when one takes into consideration the that the English channel protects
Britain only so long as it suits Germany. Thus the "Berliner Borsen Borsen Zeitung" says that in achieving and undertaking a task of such magnitude a few months more or less is of no importance:

Some commentators think that Hitler is probably still hoping to get out of his present predicament by a peace offensive, the essence of which would be to climinate British opposition while leaving him still possession of the countries he has over-run in Europe.

Training Thailanders

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" facturing Company's plant. The move a resolution thanking the Army group is accompanied by a Comman- and Navy, while Mr Kiroku Oguchi der and a Lieutenant who will how- will present the resolution condoling ever return to Bangkok immediately, over the war dead,

Britain's Food

Quite Ample

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter). -Despite all the efforts of the German counter-blockade, the markable, seeing that it was deliver- Ministry of Food still has sufficient stocks of all essential foodstuffs, and even if the British practise is the most telling indict- people have to accept shorter ment of the whole Totalitarian policy supplies, there is no fear of their that could conceivably be made, being forced on to "iron" rations.

Even if the present butter heard or read his homily can fall to ration is cut, the British people realise that victory of truth, will still be getting a larger righteousness, honour, peace and allowance than the inhabitants m only one way. Coming at this of the enemy countries and the

country's staying power and they say that the situation in Britain is very

The sugar-beet crop this autumn the other two addresses. It was non- has been a very successful one and polemical and almost non-political, the Ministry of Food has ample sugar It was non-polemical and almost non- stocks, both home-produced and from

of national unity, of national confid- There is some suggestion that the ence and the hope of better things. | meat ration may be reduced in the No greater contrast to the usual year from 1s. 10d. worth per head blustering boasts and noisy fulmina- per week to 1s. 6d. worth. The tions of the Axis leaders could Ministry has found that only about 90 to 95 per cent, of the present ration is used.

Another Cut Likely

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—It is understood that Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food will announce anthat the British government has had other cut in meat rations early in several peace opportunities. It is not January to 1s. 6d per person weekly supposed in London that the Germans compared to the present level of 1s.

Food experts stressed that Germany is not likely to starve out Britain continual statements in German despite the intensive U-boat camhome broadcasts that the war will be paign. "There are sufficient stocks a long one and that Britain is not of all essential food and commodieasily overcome. This radio and ties already stored in the British press campaign has given the lie to Isles; therefore, there is no fear of Marshal Brauschitsch's statement the public being forced on 'iron

Diet Meeting Plans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Dec. 26 (Domei).—Mr Blichi Masuda has been named Chairman of the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives, while Mr Shigeu Nishimura has been named Chairman of the Accounts Committee. Messrs. Tomomusa Kato, Sanctaro Okamoto, and Gunji Matsul YOKOHAMA, Dec. 26 (Domei) .- have been nominated Chairmen of Four students of the Bangkok Naval the Appeals, Disciplinary and Propo-Academy arrived here this morning sitional Committees, respectively.
abourd the Toba Maru for a six-month At to-morrow's general meeting of study at the Nippon Electric Manu- the Diet, Mr. Magolchi Tawara will

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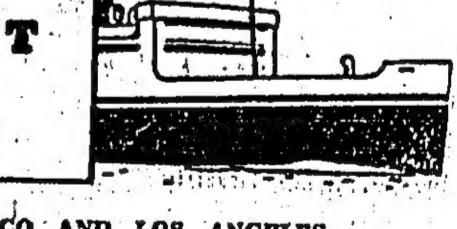
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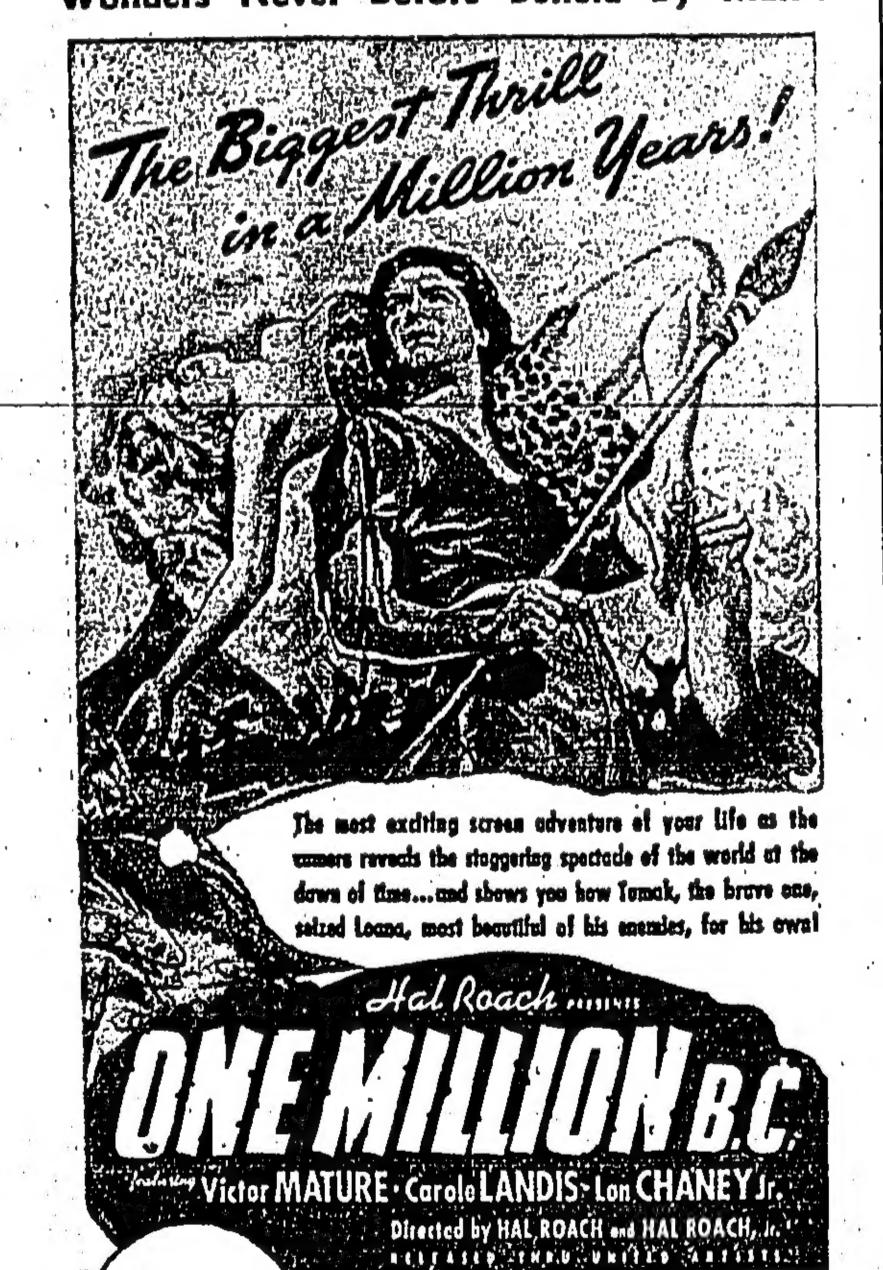
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AWAY AT BARDIA

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Kussala and inflicted a number casualties on the enemy.

Italian Incompetence

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter) -Rome Radio and the Italian press have been trying to paint a picture of the holding out of the Bardia garrison as a herole achievement and the Italian qualities of the soldiers overseas. mark on the ineptitude of this paganda because it is known inside and outside the country that the Italian series of defeats in Albania and the Western Desert is not Russin. the fault of the Italian soldiers but

Ill-Conceived Defences

Mussolini attacked Greece without are estimated to range between ten-taking the proper military measures and thirty divisions but it is admitted to carry out the campaign. Marshal that this is purely guess work. Many Graziani, like the other officers under trains are crossing the country carry-Mussolini, spent three months pre- ing mechanized equipment, artillery paring fortifications in the Western and necessories to it is probably Desert that were so badly conceived material for a score or more divisions unsurpassed as a raconteur. He was that they fell like ninepins when the which are already on the ground. British attacked.

Italian Statement

ROME, Dec. 26 (Domei).-As the battle on the Cyrenaica front continued with undiminished intensity between artillery, the Italian sub-murine Moceno under the command of Captain Alberto Agostini sank two large steamers in the Atlantic while hitting another with a torpedo, the Italian High Command claimed in a communique.

italian planes attacked British advanced positions heavily bombing them, the communique stated. It also claimed that British mechanized units south of Cyrcnaica were "effectively"

bombed by Italian warplanes. On the Greek front, Italian forces repulsing Greek attacks at many points captured a number of prisoners while causing considerable damage to the Greek forces, declared the

Import & Export Figures

Britain During October

LONDON, Dec. 26 (British Wireless).-Imports into Britain during the month of November, states the Board of Trade, reached £72,930,436 compared with £85,095,585 in October and .£84,042,757 in November last year. Figures for food, drink and tobacco

were £23,721,000 against £32,607,000 in October and £38,657,000 in November last year. Exports were £21,666,181 com-pared with £23,390,911 in October and £37,360,327 in November last

year.

NAZIS IN ITALY

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mechanised accessories. This is Gallabat double the number of Russians there lust summer and early autumn. Spring Attack?

Germany's reported troop moveabout one month according to the lying in wait like a cat watching a consensus of diplomatic opinion. It mouse along the whole front, while again of the good morale and fighting represents preparations, for spring-the Italian hold on Abyssinia is also time positions rather than any im-threatened by General Cunningham's Commentators outside Italy re- mediate action in the Balkans; however, it is stressed the fact that it impossible to do any accurate fore; growing more restless. The flame of ently dependent upon the attitude of RAF, who are incessantly bombing Russin.

Perhaps the Soviets would prefer the discontented tribesmen. casting because everything is appar-

of the general direction of Italy's war Turkey and remain aloof from any direct conflict.

The German garrisons in Rumania

year; therefore, the springtime theory and Shipbuilders, is favoured among observers here.

It is pointed out that Germany has just as much to gain by reaching nity.

Salonika as she would in helping her

A single man, the late Mr Lang Baku would also be threatened. There is some speculation that

on the Aegean Sea, and the start be very difficult.

BRITISH ACTION FROM KENYA

in Eritren, supporting There are also large concentrations

in the neighbourhood of Addia Ababa. Threat From Kenya British and Imperial troops, now ment towards Rumania will require reinforced and fully equipped, are

> forces on the Kenya border. Inside Abyssinia liself tribes are revolt is being further funned by the

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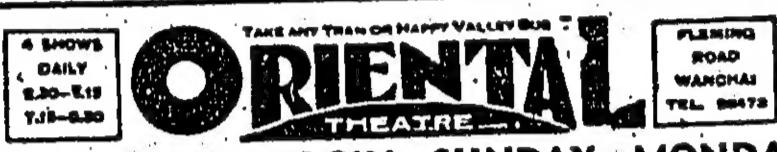
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an enthusiastic follower of the turf and an ardent football fan. Action against Greece would be Society and the Institute of Engineers very difficult at this season of the Society and the Institute of Engineers

His death is a great loss to his

faltering pariner. From there, the leaves a brother, who is a chief en-Iraq oil fields are only a few hours gineer with the Union Steamship Co., bombing-time away. Mosul and Ltd. of New Zealand, and three sisters, who are in Scotland.

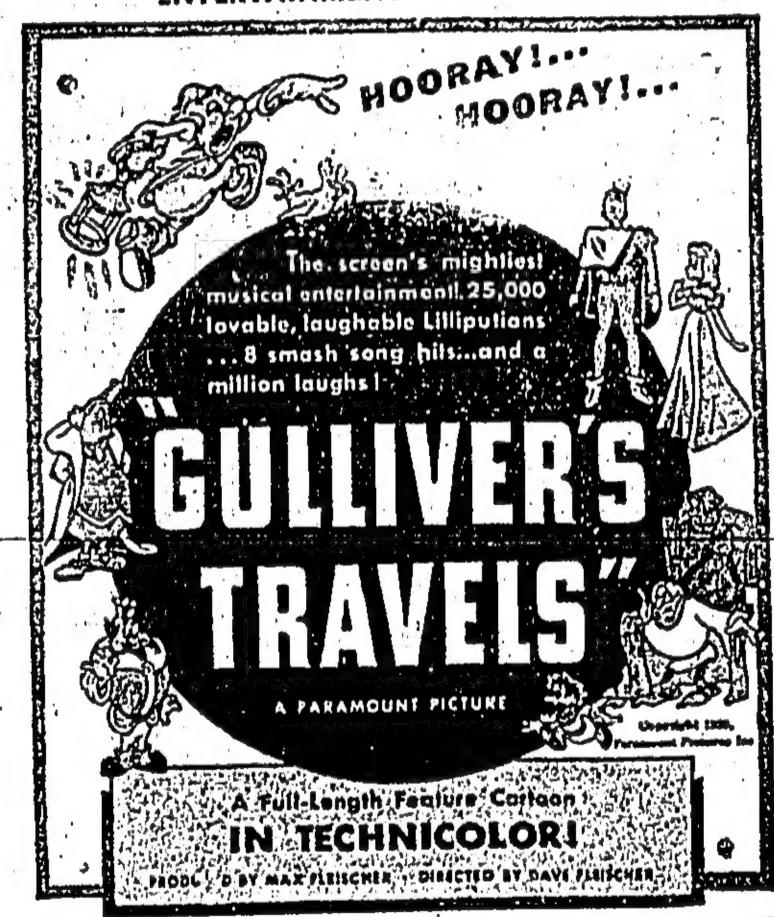
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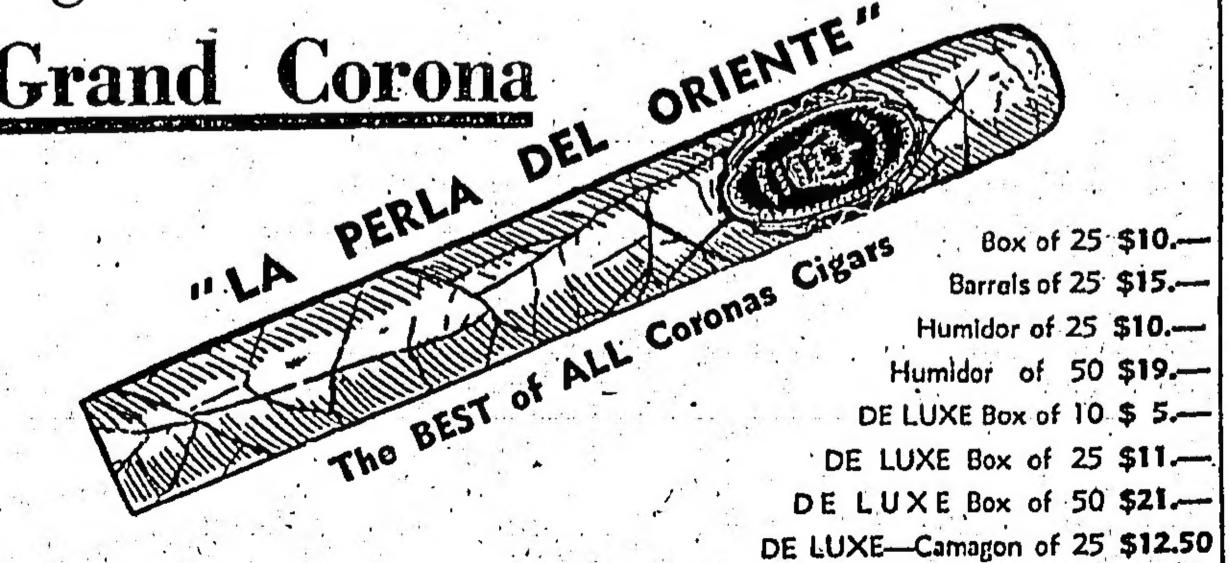
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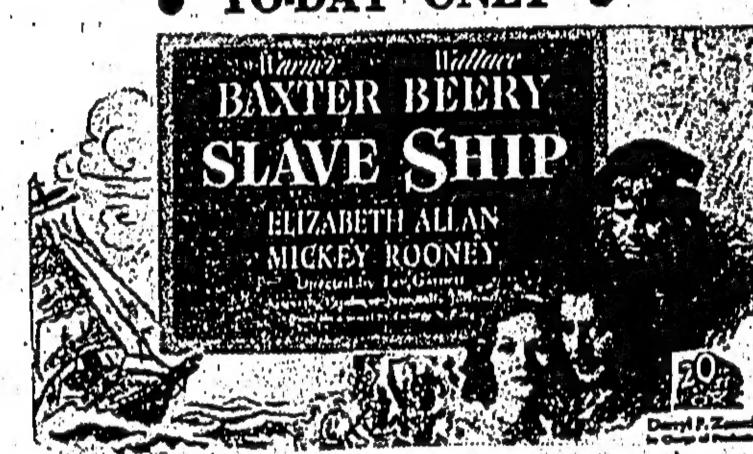
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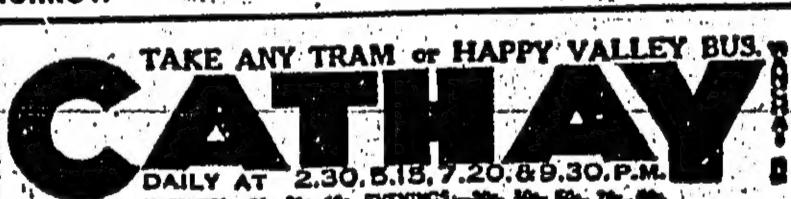
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